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MUCH TENSION IN CANTON.

HUNDREDS OF EXECUTIONS REPORTED.

SOVIET VICE-CONSUL AMONGST THE NUMBER.

CITY MAY BE ATTACKED.

It is becoming increasingly clear that much uneasiness still prevails in Canton due to the precarious position of the present regime and the threat of military attack on the city by troops opposed to the "Ironsides." The position is so unsettled that it has been deemed wise to call in to the Shameen all Britishers in the outlying suburbs.

Farther details of the rounding-up of "Red" suspects show that there have been wholesale executions, a Chinese estimate placing the number at 700. On Friday a large number of bobbed-hair girls were shot out of hand.

It is now definitely established that M. Hassis, the Soviet Vice-Consul, was amongst five Russians shot during the past week. He was captured directing the revolutionaries at the Police Headquarters when the city was retaken. The Consul and staff are still under arrest, whilst the huge quantity of documents seized at the Consulate are being examined.

The influx of refugees into Hongkong continues, over 2,000 arriving last night, whilst since September no fewer than 10,000 have reached here from the region of Swatow, where Communistic activity is most marked.

REFUGEES FLEEING TO HONGKONG.

There has been some confusion as to the Russians reported executed at Canton. This arose from the fact that Russians occurred in two connexions. There were Russians actively leading the mob, some of whom were killed. There were also Russians arrested in the Consulate, and when reports came in that a Russian vice-Consul had been executed, it was wrongly assumed that those arrested at the Consulate had been shot.

What actually happened was that a Vice-Consul named Hassis was captured, along with four others while directing the revolutionaries in the Police Headquarters which they had seized. The troops recaptured the headquarters and executed the ringleaders found there.

The Consul General and his staff are still under arrest. Heaps of documents were seized and are now being examined.

THE SITUATION TO-DAY.

Wholesale Executions.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, Dec. 18.

The following are notes comprising a general survey of the situation as it is in Canton to-day, following the hectic period through which the city has just passed.

The hope of the city was built on Li Fuk-lum at the beginning of the week, after he had driven out the gunmen of the Peasants and Labourers Corps. (There was no real battle fought). But it became evident that he could not unite the various groups of place-seekers, and that no stable city government could be established until Wong Ki-cheung had received his price, and his men were either disarmed or given another job.

The news that Li Chai-sum's troops had gained the railhead at Shiukwan (200 miles north of Canton) depressed the city, and the people feared that while the various leaders were trying to compose their differences, the "Reds" would return.

Foolhardy Students.

There were not a few foolhardy people of the student class who still stood up for Communism, and said that the disaster which had overtaken the city was not real Communism, but the work of those of the party who had lost their heads!

The Chung-Shan University, which is the leading Chinese school in the South, was rent asunder by the controversy, (several Russians have been on the staff, and possibly are still), and it is reported that there was fighting with guns and other weapons inside the University.

The institution at Tungshan, known as the Kwok Man Tong University, under the headship of a poisonous Communist leader, was another centre where strife was being stirred up by disappointed students.

These centres of learning, which ought to make for stability and calm judgment, were causing anxiety to the better-class citizens, who might have expected sound guidance from their educators.

Many Girls Executed.

Things were getting worse instead of better, and on Friday those in charge of the city decided to take drastic measures—with those who could not keep their tongues still, and a large number of bobbed-hair girls were shot out of hand. It is probable that they numbered 70; in any case they made a goodly procession, and no-one protested. The one remark the Chinese made was, "They all have bobbed hair."

Saturday saw further executions, any many motor lorries piled up with corpses were taken out of the city along the Sha-hop road, for burial.

To-day, Sunday, at 1 p.m., the central roads through the city were blocked by troops, and return from Shameen to Tungshan could only be effected by a circuitous route.

Hundreds of Men Shot.

More men were being rounded up for execution. The victims were lined up along the Wing Hon Maloo with their hands tied behind them,—some were men in grey-blue uniform and some were in civilian dress, but all were bound.

It was almost impossible to count them, for one could only look along the line from the end, but it is certain there were hundreds. The Chinese said they numbered 700, but that is probably an exaggeration. Suffice it to say that there were hundreds, and the firing which was needed to despatch them was consideable indeed,—in fact, to a person not versed in such matters, it seemed incredible.

Destruction of Motor-Cars.

It is estimated that more than 100 motor-cars have been wantonly destroyed by the "Reds" in the looting of the city, besides those cars which have been rendered useless through reckless driving by inexperienced men.

The building which had been occupied by the Soviet Russian Consul is the property of Mr. Hashim, an American citizen, and to-day the United States flag flies over the building once again, instead of the now hated Soviet flag, which had, to the regret of residents in the neighbourhood, flown there. It is a fine residence between the Kung-Yee Hospital and the level crossing over the railway lines at Tungshan.

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ANOTHER STEAMER FIRED AT.

"TAI MING'S" UNHAPPY EXPERIENCE.

WEST RIVER INCIDENT.

Another instance of a steamer having been fired upon in the West River is reported.

An eyewitness reports that on the morning of Friday last, about 3 o'clock, the s.s. Tai Ming was approaching Dosing when it was met with a volley of rifle fire from the river bank. Taking this for a notification that the place was under martial law, the master decided to turn the vessel about and anchor for the time being, while awaiting daylight.

Later, when the ship again approached the port, about 7 o'clock, in broad daylight, she was again fired upon by Chinese soldiers, who aimed at the navigating bridge, apparently with the intention of killing those on duty there. Several bullet marks on the bridge prove the deliberate fire to which this part of the vessel was subjected.

GERMANY'S NAVY.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE'S PLEA.

Berlin, Dec. 18.

The Reichsrat has reduced by 6,000,000 Marks the expenditure for military purposes, and the Government now intends to submit two Budgets to the Reichstag—one with the new battleship and the other without.

Dr. Gessler, the Minister for Defence, in a speech in the Reichsrat defending the proposal to build a new warship, said that the Government's view was that until progress in world disarmament had been made it was its duty to carry out the modest naval programme allowed to Germany by the Treaty of Versailles. He pointed out that six cruisers were permitted but that only five were being built, and that out of six battleships only four were contemplated. The Government considered that at all costs it must take steps to safeguard the sea route to East Prussia which it was impossible to do with the light naval forces possessed by Germany.—*Reuter.*

NEW MOTORING RECORD.

15,000 MILES AT 68 MILES PER HOUR.

Paris, Dec. 18.

Captain the Hon. Victor Bruce and his wife, driving an A.C. car and taking alternative turns at the wheel, completed 15,000 miles on the Monthery track in 200 hours, 32 minutes and 54 seconds, which gives an average speed of 68 miles per hour.

The previous record was approximately 56 miles per hour.—*Reuter.*

SNOW AT HOME.

SEVERE COLD WEATHER.

London, Dec. 18.

Cold weather of unusual severity prevails throughout the British Isles. Nineteen degrees of frost were registered to London last evening. There have been falls of snow in many districts.

A continuance of these conditions is forecast, probably extending over Christmas.—*British Wireless.*

COMMUNIST SPILT.

EXPULSIONS AT MOSCOW.

Moscow, Dec. 18.

The Communist Congress has resolved upon expelling 75 per cent. of the active ringleaders of the Trotzky-ist opposition from the party, those to be expelled including Kemenoff, Rakovsky, Smilga, Smirnoff and Radek, and also the entire membership of the so-called Saproniff Group, numbering 23.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY.

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IN SHANGHAI NOW.

BRITISH CORPORAL'S TRIAL.

POLICE GALLANTRY PRAISED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

Public attention has been diverted, for the time being, from the industrial strife and wave of crime sweeping over the Settlement to the police court trial, on a charge of murder, of Corporal Hector M. Robertson, of the Scots Guards, who has been committed for trial in the higher court for the alleged murder of a Chinese houseboy in the China United Assurance Society's Apartment Building on Bubbling Well Road.

There is an element of mystery surrounding the case, as the public are finding it difficult, in their own mind, to establish any possible motive which conceivably could have led the Guardsman to commit the crime of which he is accused. Captain Duncan Harvey, of the Scots Guards, who employed Corporal Robertson as his batman, testified to the excellent character of the prisoner and made it perfectly clear that for the period of 18 months during which the Corporal was in his service he had had no trouble whatever with him.

The most unfortunate feature of the case is that in the native mind, Corporal Robertson is already convicted, in view of the loose manner in which vernacular papers are commenting on the case. It is also significant that one of the Chinese apartment boys in the witness box referred to the accused as "the soldier who had killed the deceased houseboy," though he did not witness the event, showing the native predilection for jumping to conclusions.

SHANGHAI STRIKE.

Resumption of Tramcar Service Expected.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.

Owners of automobiles here are responding to the suggestion to offer lifts to tramless residents in order to break the backbone of the tramway strike.

It is believed that the resources of the striking tramwaymen are reaching an end and that a resumption of the tramway service will eventuate soon.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Compulsory Registration of Chinese Banks.

Not a little consternation has been caused in the ranks of Chinese bankers, exchanges, trust companies, insurance societies and saving companies by the promulgation of a set of sweeping regulations, of the most drastic order, by the Nationalist Government which are generally envisioned as a device for raising much needed revenue. If the regulations are enforced or submitted to by those against whom they are directed, they will spell a death blow to the principle of private enterprise not unlike that administered to business in Soviet Russia.

The sponsors of the brand new regulations are a body of men styling themselves the Bureau of the Currency Comptroller, and even a cursory glance at the set of rules issued suffices to convince one of the thoroughness which has been brought to bear on their promulgation. Nothing is left to chance, and a degree of ingenuity is displayed designed to ferret out every detail concerning the deposits, both of private individuals and corporations, with a delightful disregard of the rights of private business.

It requires no seer to foretell the abuses to which such a system will lend itself if meekly acquiesced in by the victims. There are innumerable possibilities, of which a few suggest themselves at random. It will provide back "inspectors" with a heaven-sent opportunity for extortion; it will furnish the powers that be with exact information concerning the resources of every individual merchant and investor who could be pounced upon for "voluntary patriotic contributions" to the war

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U. S. SUBMARINE DISASTER.

SIX MEN FOUND STILL ALIVE.

PUMPING IN AIR.

Province Town, Dec. 18.

The United States submarine S4 has been rammed and sunk by the coastguard destroyer Paulding, off Woodend.

Later.

The Navy Department announces that none of the crew of forty was rescued from the S4.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Unavoidable Accident.

Pricetown, Dec. 18.

The S4 carried four officers and 35 men attached to the New London submarine base.

Eye-witnesses say the Paulding was entering harbour about sunset when the submarine suddenly came to the surface dead ahead of the destroyer, which had no time to change her course. The vessels crashed and the submarine disappeared. The Paulding reached harbour with her lower hold flooded. She will probably be beached to prevent her sinking.

The S4 was of the same class as the S51, which was sunk off Block Island in September 1925.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A Hopeful Report.

Later.

A message from Province Town says that divers are already exploring the spot where the S4 was sunk. One of the divers reports that he heard rappings inside the submarine, as if somebody was signalling.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Submarine Signals.

Later.

A diver tapped on the side of the sunken submarine with a hammer and heard answering taps.

Another indication that life still exists in the S4 comes from the submarine S8 which is in the neighbourhood of the entombed crew and which believes she got replies to her submarine signals.—*Reuter.*

Six Men Alive.

Washington, Dec. 18.

The Navy Department announce that six men have been found alive in the Torpedo Room of S4, in which air is being pumped by divers. The entombed men established communication by means of hammer knocks.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BIRTHS ABOARD JUNKS.

UNUSUAL MARINE COURT PLEAS.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commdr. G. F. Hole, one caster and three mistresses of trading junks were charged with mooring their craft inside low water mark during dark hours.

All pleaded guilty, but the third and fourth defendants advanced *pleas of a domestic character*. The third defendant stated that her sister-in-law had given birth to a child and the sampan had put in for the purpose of calling a doctor, the birth taking place at 10 p.m.

The fourth defendant stated that she had given birth to a child at 6 p.m., and, after having visited the doctor she had just returned to the boat when the police arrested her at about midnight. The child was produced in court.

Inspector Brown, of the Water Police, did not press the charge, and, in reply, to His Worship, stated that he was without knowledge of such developments.

When one of the accused produced a midwife's certificate, the two mistresses involved were discharged with a caution. The remaining pair were fined $5, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES.

HEAVY RADIO TRAFFIC.

London, Dec. 18.

It is announced that the Post are making provision for transmission of no less than 60,000 radio messages or Christmas greetings, through the medium of their wireless beam services.—*British Wireless.*

THE ANTI-SOVIET DRIVE.

HANKOW RUSSIANS ON WAY DOWN RIVER.

SHANGHAI FRENCH AUTHORITIES' DECISION.

NEW NORTHERN THRUST.

The country-wide drive against the Soviet continues to be the feature of the China news to-day, and a report from Shanghai tells how the staff of the Soviet Consulate at Hankow is now on its way down river.

At Shanghai, the authorities in the French Concession have stated that they cannot give residence to ejected Russians, but they are guarding the houses at which Russians are staying pending the departure of the unwanted nationals.

In spite of the worsening weather conditions, a new Northern offensive is reported on the Tientsin-Pukow line, a small northern gain being claimed.

The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Mr. Wang Ching-wei would seem to be dispelled by a Reuter message from Shanghai which states that he embarked on the s.s. Paul Lecat on Saturday and is on his way to Paris.

WANG CHING-WEI ON WAY TO PARIS.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

Events have moved swiftly since the announcement by the Nationalist Government cancelling recognition of Soviet Consuls. Following the raids on Soviet premises in Hankow, when hundreds of arrests were made, all connected officially with the Russian Government have been ordered to leave, and fourteen members of the Consulate staff, including M. Plitsche, the Consul-General, have left for Shanghai, passing through Kiukiang to-day on board the Chinese steamer, Fu Lung.

Russians employed in Soviet establishments and residing in the French Concession have been instructed to make preparations for an early departure, and meanwhile the French Police have posted guards at their residences. The French police will maintain guard over the premises until the occupants have left in accordance with orders.—*Naval Wireless.*

Japanese Comment.

Tokyo, Dec. 17.

The newspapers are very interested in the Chinese Nationalists' rupture with the Soviet.

The *Chugai* considers that this helps to confirm that the Soviet policy to redden the world has failed, but fears, however, that the Soviet—baulked in China—may seek more fertile soil. Therefore it warns Japan to be on guard.

The Press and public generally *consider* it a serious blow to the Soviet. Opinion is that Moscow can only "cry herself to sleep," as military action will serve no useful purpose, while a protest to Peking is impracticable as the Soviet is not recognised there.—*Reuter.*

WHERE IS WANG?

Blamed for Canton Events.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

The whereabouts of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who is blamed for the recent events in Canton, are unknown. It is stated that he has left Shanghai, but the report lacks confirmation.

The tramway strike situation has not altered, but there has been less intimidation.—*Naval Wireless.*

Bound For Paris?

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

Wang Ching-wei, who left on Saturday morning aboard the s.s. Paul Lecat, is believed bound for Paris.—*Reuters.*

An Earlier Report.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

A Nanking message says the Nationalist Government has issued a mandate ordering that members of the Central Committee from Canton, including Messrs. Wang Ching-wei, Koo Meng-yu, Chen Kung-po, Kan Nai-kwong, Wang Fa-chin, Wang Loh-ping, Yan Yung-chao, Chen Shu-jen and Ho Hsiang-yen, having been charged with conspiracy against the Government, will be placed under surveillance, and an investigation will be conducted regarding their alleged criminal activities, the investigators to recommend punishment for the same in accordance with the discipline of the party and the law of the nation.

The evening papers state that Wang Ching-wei left for the United States this afternoon.—*Reuter.*

NORTHERN OFFENSIVE.

Capture of Ku Chek.

Nanking, Dec. 18.

The Northerners under Marshal Sun Chuan-fang have opened an offensive above Pukow, and have captured Ku Chek on the railway, it is reported. At the moment they are said to be consolidating their position at Ku Chek which is about 100 miles north of Pukow on the Pukow-Tientsin Railway.—*Naval Wireless.*

A SOVIET NOTE.

Warning to Chinese.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.

A Note from Chicherin, addressed to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Kiangsu was handed to Quo Tai-chi yesterday by the Soviet Consul General. It points out firstly that the Soviet Government never recognised the so called Nationalist Government at Nanking and that U. S. S. R. consulates in China exist in consequence of the 1924 treaty between Russia and Peking. All consular appointments in China were made with the knowledge and consent of the Peking Government, therefore the cancellation of the recognition of the Soviet Consuls can only mean that the generals who have seized power at Nanking are acting under Imperialist pressure.

Secondly the Soviet energetically repudiates the statement contained in the Nanking Government Note of the 15th that the Soviet consulates commercial agencies are responsible for "Red" propaganda and have been the asylum for communists, and especially the allegation that the Consulate in Canton was guiding the revolutionary movement of peasants and workers in Kwangtung.

Thirdly the Soviet Government is convinced that the attitude of the Chinese authorities at Shanghai will be harmful, firstly to the Chinese people and nationalist interests in China while the people who so lightly start a hostile policy against the U.S.S.R. will be the first to feel the harm thereof.

M. Kovlovsky and his staff are preparing to leave on the 21st on a Russian steamer for Vladivostok.—*Reuter.*

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THE MORPHIA CASE.

POLICE TO PROCEED ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

The conclusion of the case in which James Christie and Christopher Bluhm were charged with being associated in a morphia deal was productive of a surprising denouement on Saturday morning, when the accused again appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy. Both were discharged on the count of trafficking in dangerous drugs, but were immediately re-arrested for trial on a new and alternative charge of criminal conspiracy to extort money from the Chinese Police Reservist in the belief that he was a potential drug-buyer.

When the case was resumed for its final session at 11.45 in the morning, there were present the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King), the Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. L. H. V. Booth), the Chief Detective-Inspector (Mr. Reynolds), Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask (for the defence), as well as a number of other Police officials and European spectators.

Mr. Lindsell said: Mr. King and Mr. Leask.—I have already indicated to you in Chambers that the evidence already given by the prosecution, coupled with that of the defence, has convinced me that, although I believe every word of the evidence of the Crown's witnesses, especially of the first witness (Au Yeung) there was, in my opinion, no genuine offer here to provide morphia; that the offer of morphia was a pure blind by which the defendants hoped to extort money from the young Chinese Police Reservist who was regarded as a potential or prospective buyer. Under these circumstances I am satisfied that no charge under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance can hold water. No doubt, the defendants can be charged alternatively with conspiracy to defraud.

The position is that I can either amend it by putting in a new charge of criminal conspiracy, and proceed with the case as it stands, or, if you so desire it, that the defendants should be discharged on the present charge, and then charged with criminal conspiracy before another Magistrate. I leave it to you, Mr. Leask, to decide what course of alternative to adopt."

Mr. Leask: In case the second charge be preferred—conspiracy to defraud—I take it that it means immediate re-arrest if I decide that they should be discharged on the first.

Mr. King: That would follow, your Worship.

Mr. Leask: I have consulted my client (Christie) and he has decided to elect that they should be discharged on the present charge, leaving it to the Crown to decide what further steps it will take, on the lines indicated by your Worship.

Mr. Lindsell: On the charge of undertaking to provide morphia under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, both defendants are discharged. On the further charge against the second defendant (Bluhm) of not being in possession of valid passports, he is remanded until Monday, at 10 a.m. Will that suit you?

Mr. Leask: I ask your Worship to put over until 10 a.m. on Tuesday. That charge, I think, can stand over.

Mr. Lindsell: Second defendant, Bluhm, you are remanded on the second charge, until Tuesday, 10 a.m. formal. Bail as before.

Mr. Leask: May the first defendant leave the dock, your Worship?

Mr. Lindsell: Certainly.

After another consultation with Christie, Mr. Leask agreed to the date of the remand.

The formality of re-arrest was executed soon afterwards, as Christie left the precincts of the Court. Then, together with Bluhm, who was denied this short spell of liberty, through being still retained on the passport charge, Christie was taken to the Detective Office, and there the new criminal conspiracy charge was prepared and formally preferred against the two prisoners.

The date of the new trial will probably be indicated when Bluhm comes up for a formal remand on Tuesday on the passports charge.

KOWLOON TIGER.

SEEN BY EUROPEANS IN THE HILLS.

The presence of a tiger on the mainland, indicated from purely Chinese sources some week ago, is now confirmed by Europeans who saw what is believed to be the beast yesterday. It may be recalled that some time ago Chinese reported the presence of a tiger in the vicinity of Kowloon City. Since that time nothing has been heard of it, but confirmation is now forthcoming, following the adventures of a party of Europeans who were out walking yesterday.

The party consisting of three ladies and three men were rambling in the neighbourhood of Kowloon Peak. One lady and two of the men went on in front, keeping to the pathway on the lower slopes of Kowloon Peak. The remainder of the party, following some distance behind, were surprised when the lady in front came rushing back to them said "Go back! We've seen the tiger!"

The man behind told this lady to stay with the other two and go further down the hill while he went on in front to join the other two men. The latter told him that the tiger had been seen forty or fifty yards away, moving stealthily between the trees. It was thought to be hardly full grown, being perhaps five or six feet in length. Its body was fawn or grey with black stripes.

It made no attempt to molest the party but continued on its way and was not seen again. The three men rejoined the ladies and continued the walk.

In view of the above experience an incident which occurred during the previous week-end while the same ramblers were in the vicinity of Shatin is interesting. The party accompanied by a dog which suddenly became violenty excited at one particular spot. One of the party went up to the spot, dragged the dog away, and noticed what may be described as a strong animal smell in the immediate vicinity. This, in view of yesterday's experiences, might indicate that the tiger had been roaming in that particular neighbourhood.

It is understood that farmers in the neighbourhood of Kowloon Tong and Kowloon City have complained of disappearances among their pigs and poultry and opinion is strong in the neighbourhood that another tiger is haunting the surrounding country.

BUS DESTROYED.

FIRE ALARM MISUNDERSTOOD BY POLICE.

One of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company's vehicles was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Owing to an error in the transmission of a telephonic message to the Police Station, the fire engines were not despatched to the scene until too late.

It appears that one of the Laichikok buses caught alight on the Cheung Sha Wan Road shortly after 10 o'clock on Saturday night and a message was immediately sent to the Shamshuipo Police Station. A misunderstanding seems to have crept in and the message received was that a motor accident had occurred.

This message was transmitted to the Kowloon Fire Brigade and the motor ambulance was sent to the scene only to find a bus on fire. By the time a second message was sent to the Fire Station and the engine despatched to Cheung Sha Wan the bus had been destroyed.

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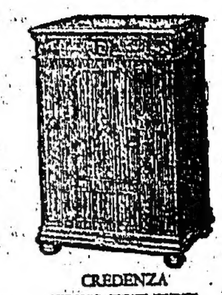

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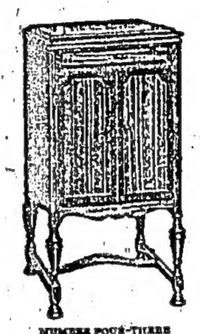

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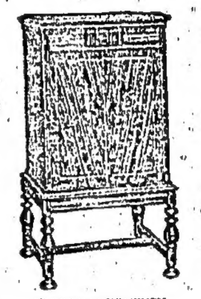

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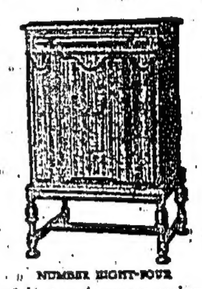

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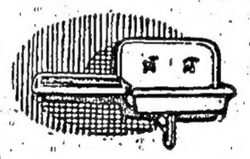

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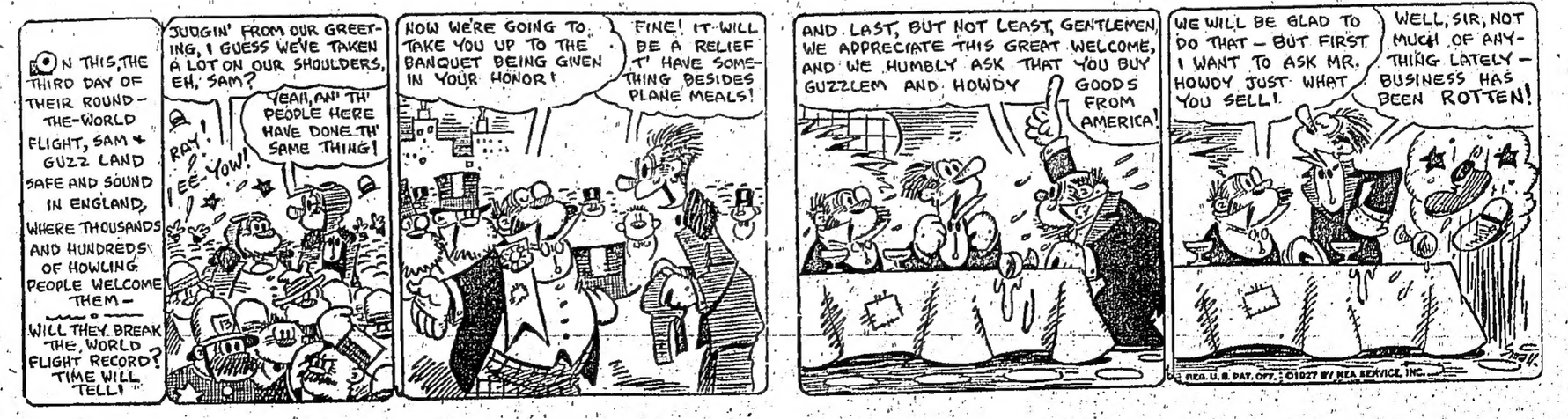
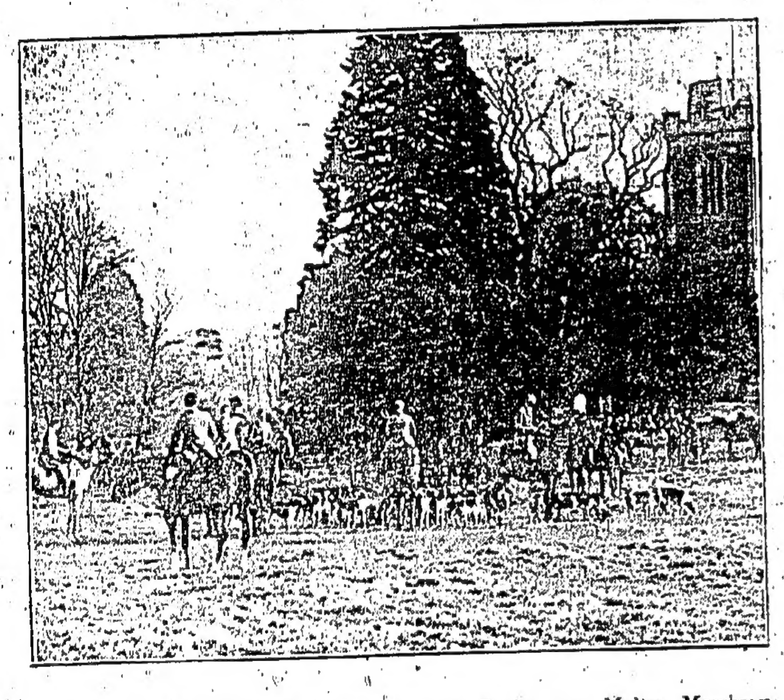
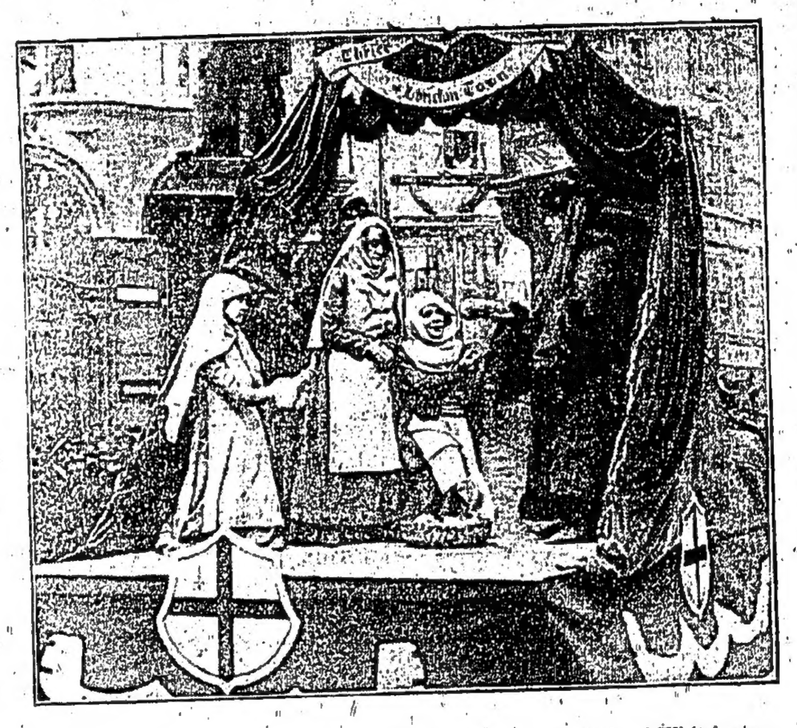


The scene at the Cross of Sacrifice in the Municipal Cemetery at Mons during the special service held there on Armistice day for members of the "Old Contemptibles" Associations. The party is seen in the right background.



Members of the Quorn Hunt, who met at Beeby near Melton Mowbray, halted outside the church on Armistice Day to observe the "Two Minutes Silence."



One of the tableaux in the recent Lord Mayor's Show. Richard Whittington, Lord Mayor of London in 1397, 1406, 1419, is seen distributing bread to the poor.

The new city of Lens photographed from a church spire above the Place Jean Jaures, giving a view towards Vimy and the heights held by the British troops during the War. All the houses are entirely new, for the devastation in the town was so complete that nine years ago hardly a wall was standing.
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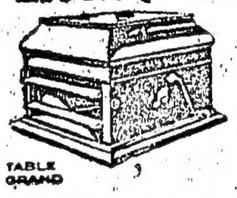

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Offices of the Douglas Steamship Company have been removed to the New P. and O. Building, (4th floor) from Monday, 19th of December, 1927.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers,

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

FANLING HUNT

STEEPLECHASES.

Saturday, 24th December, at 3.15.

Admission to Public Enclosure $1.00, Ladies Free.

Admission to Subscribers Enclosure on production of badge only.

Subscribers can introduce Two Ladies Free, and Two Non-members at $5.00 each.

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The following trains will be cancelled on and from the 20th:—

Train leaving Kowloon at 2.35 p.m. on week-days.

Train leaving Shum Chun at 6.46 p.m. on week-days.

By Order,

ROBERT BAKER,
Manager & Chief Engineer.

Kowloon, 17th December, 1927.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February, 1928.

Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

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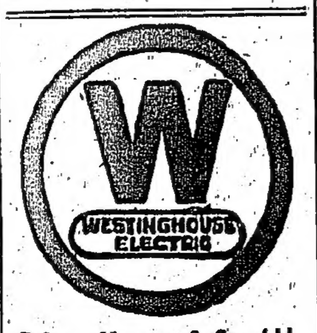

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Hongkong, 12th Dec., 1927.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY,
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at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

45 Dozen "4711" Glycerine Soap.
50 Dozen No. 843 Muso Soap.
20 Dozen Essence.
3 Cases Glass Tumblers.
41 Bags Sulphate of Ammonia.
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1 Sack Flour.
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1 Case "Herman's Studies in Grammar."
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55 Shawls, more or less damaged.
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Many others of pretty girls who have arrived at a marriageable age wonder how it is that other girls less prepossessing find husbands with greater facility than their own daughters do.

The girl who remains by her mother's side seeing her plainer but more winsome friends led to the altar is as often as not the girl who pays no attention to the hobbies and diversions that absorb the interest of others around her. She is generally languid, listless, pale-lipped and pallid. Pains in the back and limbs assail her at frequent moments; whilst faintness, lack of appetite, and irregularities of the functions frequently make her life wretched. A man does not want to add delicate health to his responsibilities.

It is a sad fact that numbers of these spiritless, easily exhausted girls are met with everywhere in the Far East. Yet all that they need is the rich, red, abundant blood which Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have created for countless drooping anaemic girls in every part of the World.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship,

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Goods not cleared by the 24th December, 1927, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage Period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, December 17, 1927.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF $50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of $50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 24th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of $25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of $25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 24th:—

DIVISION I.

Arsenal	v.	Everton.
Derby	v	Birmingham.
Sheffield U.	v	Bolton W.

DIVISION II.

Fulham	v	Blackpool.
Leeds	v	Stoke.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Newport	v	Southend.
Plymouth	v	Crystal P.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Bradford	v	Chesterfield.
Halifax	v	Wrexham.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clyde	v	St. Mirren.
Hamilton	v	St. Johnstone.
Kilmarnock	v	Hearts.

Name .....

Address .....

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No. 17 Date .....

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

SHARING MARKETS.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Berlin, Dec. 17.

The German Dye Trust and the French chemical industry have signed an agreement whereby both parties divide among themselves the production and sale of dyes on the most economic basis, and repudiate monopolistic competition with other countries with which an agreement is desired.

The agreement is intended to be the forerunner of a series of Franco-German agreements to extend the principle of economic production and division of markets other than products of the chemical industry.

It is hoped thus to lead to an international understanding.

Negotiations have been opened with other nations in this connexion.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN PURCHASES.

THREE VESSELS FOR THE FAR EAST SERVICE.

Berlin, Dec. 17.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd has repurchased the Ellerman cargo vessel City of Dunedin, and it will be placed on the Far East service under the name Lippe.

This vessel was built in wartime in the Vulkan yards, and was handed over to Britain in accordance with the Versailles Treaty.

The company has also bought the Tyne-built cargo steamers North Western Miller and South-Western Miller, and renamed them respectively Augsburg and Giessen, for the Far East service.—*Reuter.*

IN SOVIET PRISONS.

RED CROSS MOVED TO TAKE COGNISANCE.

Geneva, Dec. 18.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has issued a statement that it has received several demands, with circumstantial documents, relating to Georgia, regarding the treatment to which prisoners are allegedly subjected in the Soviet Russian prisons.

The Committee, while not desiring to interfere in political questions, feels it is its duty to do its utmost to relieve these unfortunates.—*Reuter.*

MARK AND KEEP THIS DUPLICATE LIST. DO NOT FORWARD IT TO US. IT IS PRINTED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE SO THAT YOU MAY KEEP A RECORD OF THE FORECASTS YOU HAVE SENT IN:

Arsenal	v.	Everton.
Derby	v.	Birmingham.
Sheffield U.	v.	Bolton W.
Fulham	v.	Blackpool.
Leeds	v.	Stoke.
Newport	v.	Southend.
Plymouth	v.	Crystal P.
Bradford	v.	Chesterfield
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Clyde	v.	St. Mirren
Hamilton	v.	St. Johnstone
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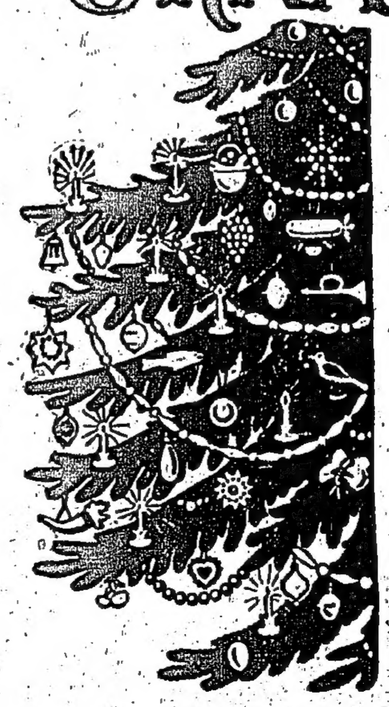

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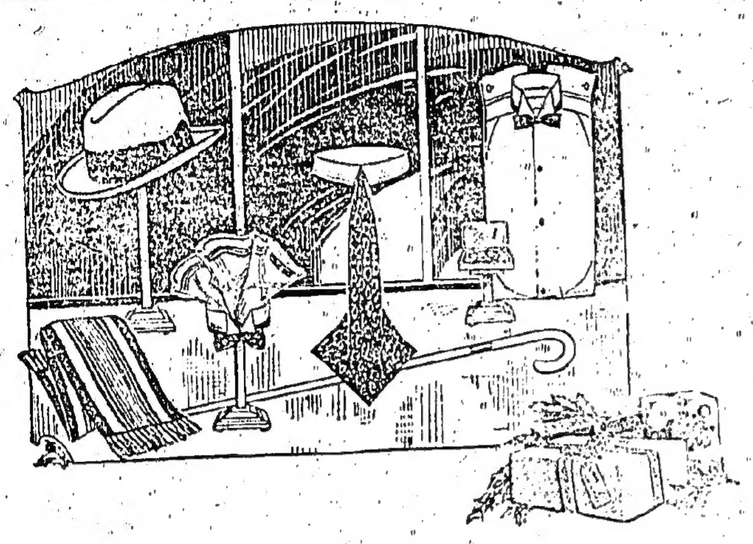

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YOU ARE INVITED TO MAKE AN EARLY CALL

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HOME FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S RESULT.

The result of Saturday's Home football matches as cabled by Reuter are as under:

Division I.

Birmingham	1	West Ham	2
Blackburn	1	Sheffield U.	0
Bolton	3	Aston Villa	1
Cardiff	0	Bury	1
Everton	4	Burnley	1
Huddersfield	3	Leicester	1
Manchester U.	4	Arsenal	1
Middlesbro'	3	Derby	3
Newcastle	1	Portsmouth	3
Wednesday	0	Sunderland	0
Tottenham	3	Liverpool	1

Division II.

Blackpool	1	Barnsley	3
Bristol C.	1	Leeds	2
Chelsea	2	Wolves	0
Clapton	0	Port Vale	1
Grimsby	1	Swansea	2
Notts. County	1	Hull	1
Oldham	0	Preston	0
Reading	2	Fulham	1
Southampton	1	Manchester C.	1
Stoke	1	Notts. Forest	3
West Brom.	3	Sth. Shields	0

Division III (South).

Brentford	1	Charlton	1
Bournemouth	1	Watford	0
Brighton	1	Queen's Park	3
Crystal Pal.	2	Merthyr	0
Exeter	3	Plymouth	0
Luton	2	Walsall	0
Millwall	2	Bristol R.	0
Northants	1	Newport	2
Norwich	0	Coventry	2
*Southend		Swindon	
Torquay	1	Gillingham	1

*Postponed on account of snow.

Division III (North.

Barrow	6	Wigan	2
Bradford	3	Lincoln	0
Chesterfield	2	New Brighton	3
Durham	1	Halifax	1
Nelson	0	Doncaster	1
Rochdale	4	Darlington	1
Rotherham	1	Ashington	1
Southport	3	Crewe	2
Stockport	3	Accrington	3
Tranmere	1	Hartlepools	2
Wrexham	1	Bradford C.	0

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	2	Motherwell	0
Celtic	0	Partick T.	0
Dundee	1	Queen's Park	3
Dunfermline	0	Hibernians	2
Hamilton	3	Falkirk	0
Hearts	2	Cowdenbeath	3
Raith R.	2	Clyde	0
Kilmarnock	1	Rangers	1
St. Johnstone	6	Airdrieonians	1
St. Mirren	5	Bo'ness	0

Reuter.

The League Tables.

The league tables to date are appended:

Division I.

Everton	19	11	6	2	57	25	28
Cardiff	19	8	7	4	36	36	23
Huddersfield	18	9	4	5	43	31	22
Newcastle	19	9	4	6	40	34	22
Leicester	20	8	6	6	38	34	22
Tottenham	19	9	4	6	37	34	22
Blackburn	20	7	8	5	27	29	22
Middlesbro	19	7	6	6	45	41	20
Liverpool	19	6	7	6	45	35	19
Arsenal	18	7	5	6	37	37	19
Manch. Un.	20	8	3	9	36	37	19
Wrexham	18	9	1	8	38	41	19
Bury	19	9	1	9	35	42	19
Aston Villa	19	7	4	8	38	34	18
Bolton	18	6	5	7	29	26	17
Sunderland	19	6	5	8	35	37	17
Burnley	19	8	1	10	35	46	17
Wednesday	19	4	7	8	34	39	15
Birmingham	19	4	7	8	31	40	15
Sheffield U.	19	5	5	9	22	38	15
Derby	18	4	5	9	42	47	13
Portsmouth	19	4	5	10	32	51	13

Division II.

Chelsea	19	13	4	2	41	15	30
Manch. City	19	11	3	5	43	31	25
Oldham	19	10	4	5	37	23	24
Preston	19	9	6	4	38	26	24
Leeds United	19	10	3	6	46	25	23
Notts Forest	19	9	2	7	49	37	22
Port Vale	19	10	2	7	35	28	22
Bristol Cit.	19	9	4	6	39	32	22
West Brom. A.	19	8	5	6	43	36	21
Stoke	19	8	5	6	32	26	21
Swansea	19	8	5	6	43	40	21
Grimsby	19	7	6	6	36	35	20
Clapton	19	8	4	7	33	36	20
Hull City	19	5	7	7	20	26	17
Barnsley	19	5	7	7	27	36	17
Notts County	19	5	6	8	32	35	16
Fulham	19	5	4	10	31	45	14
Southampton	19	4	5	10	27	38	14
Reading	19	4	5	10	28	44	13
Wolves	19	4	4	11	27	45	12
Blackpool	19	4	4	11	31	51	12
Sth. Shields	19	2	5	12	28	56	9

Division III (South).

Millwall	19	12	3	4	60	30	27
Northants	17	12	1	4	47	21	25
Plymouth	18	10	3	5	39	27	23
Charlton	17	7	8	2	24	23	22
Exeter	17	7	7	3	29	23	21
Southend	16	10	0	6	32	26	20
Brentford	20	9	2	9	42	40	20
Newport	17	7	5	5	30	24	19
Queen's P. R.	18	8	3	7	26	28	19
Norwich	17	7	4	6	38	29	18
Brighton	17	7	4	6	31	27	18
Swindon	16	6	5	4	39	32	17
Bournemouth	18	6	5	7	30	33	17
Coventry	18	7	3	8	34	43	17
Crystal Pal.	17	5	6	6	27	35	16
Merthyr	19	5	6	8	28	37	16
Torquay	18	4	5	9	18	41	13
Luton	17	5	2	10	38	36	12
Watford	18	5	2	11	28	37	12
Gillingham	17	3	6	8	25	38	12
Walsall	19	5	2	12	27	57	12
Bristol Rovs.	17	4	2	11	33	43	10

Division III (North).

Doncaster	17	12	2	3	39	12	26
Bradford	17	11	4	2	42	21	26
Lincoln	18	10	3	5	39	30	23
Wrexham	18	10	3	5	31	23	23
Rochdale	15	10	1	4	36	20	21
Halifax	18	8	5	5	38	29	21
Tranmere	16	8	4	4	33	23	20
Accrington	16	5	8	3	28	24	18
Stockport	16	7	3	6	22	21	17
Southport	17	7	2	8	35	30	16
N. Brighton	16	6	4	6	29	26	16
Darlington	17	7	2	8	29	29	16
Durham	19	6	4	9	27	35	16
Hartlepools	18	7	2	9	26	37	16
Rotherham	16	5	5	6	27	25	15
Bradford City	16	4	6	6	33	28	14
Nelson	18	6	2	10	34	48	14
Chesterfield	18	4	5	9	25	33	13
Barrow	17	4	5	8	24	41	13
Ashington	19	3	6	10	25	51	12
Crewe	18	3	5	10	26	41	11
Wigan	18	4	3	11	23	44	11

Scottish League.

Rangers	18	14	3	1	60	18	31
Motherwell	19	13	4	2	45	20	30
Celtic	19	11	5	3	46	17	27
Hearts	19	11	2	6	45	21	24
Cowdenbeath	19	10	3	6	36	35	23
St. Mirren	19	10	2	7	39	46	22
Kilmarnock	20	8	5	7	34	43	21
Hibernians	19	10	0	9	42	35	20
Partick	19	8	4	7	42	37	20
Aberdeen	20	8	2	9	36	38	20
St. Johnstone	20	8	4	8	36	44	20
Falkirk	19	8	2	9	39	32	18
Airdrie	19	6	6	7	32	33	18
Queen's Park	19	6	4	9	35	35	16
Dundee	19	6	3	10	29	38	15
Hamilton	19	5	4	10	35	45	14
Raith	19	5	3	11	36	54	13
Clyde	19	5	2	12	27	43	12
Bo'ness	19	5	1	13	22	46	11
Dunfermline	19	3	1	15	23	60	7

LETTER GOLF.

LOT'S WIFE DID.

This is a very salty one, from WIFE to SALT. Lot's wife found it easy. Par is four.

W	I	F	E
S	A	L	T

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN; in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

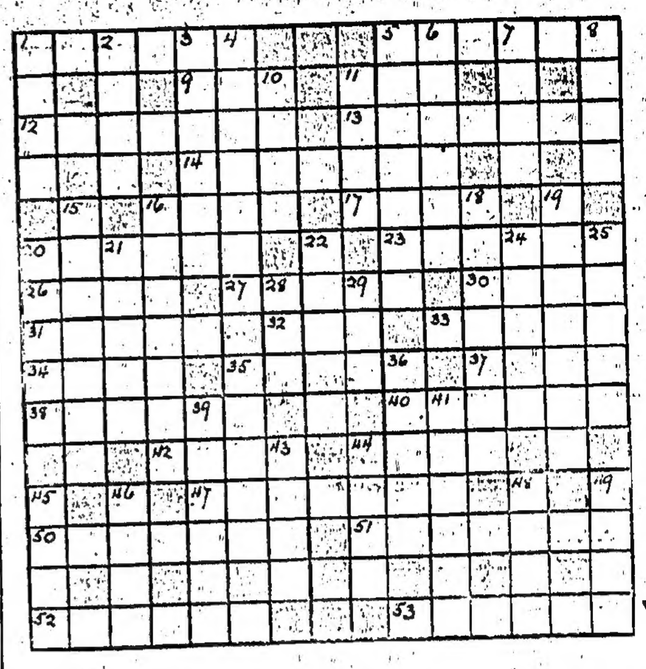
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

A sailor on board the Yaumati Ferry, Man Sun, reports that a Chinese jumped into the harbour off the Yaumati Breakwater shortly after 9 o' clock on Friday night. A search was made for the man but no traces of him were found.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



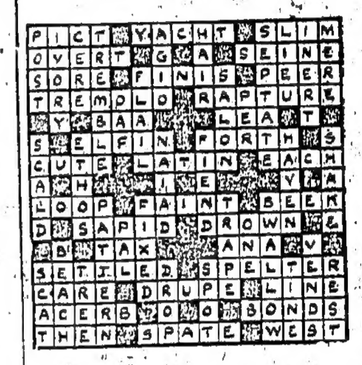
Across.

1 One who scrupulously aims at purity.
5 Quantity that has no direction
9 Definite article.
11 Exclamation expressing contempt.
12 Soldier newly enlisted.
13 Ear-ache.
14 Swimming bird allied to the auk.
16 Hindu god.
17 A button.
20 Perfumed ointment.
23 Irritates.
26 Parched.
27 Frighten.
30 Let it stand.
31 Willing.
32 Be sorry for.
33 Step.
34 Jewish month.
35 Fetters.
37 One who copies.
38 Erase.
40 Disarm and quarter in a place.
42 Vocal melody.
44 Emancipate.
47 Contagious disease.
50 Burn.
51 Platform.
52 Transient luminous body.
53 Period of five years.

Down.

1 Ripple.
2 Crease.
3 Silly.
4 Robbers.
5 Surfeit.
6 Accident.
7. Records of ships progress.
8 Loud noise.
10 Famous volcano.
11 Combat.
15 A front leg.
16 Padded seats.
18 Spear-shaped.
19 Organs of touch.
20 Diminished by little and little.
21 Mew.
22 Colour.
24 Stem of tree ferns.
25 Harsh.
28 Weep.
29 Brazilian coin.
35 Small sized Spanish horse.
36 Fathers.
39 Sometimes called the Loveapple.
41 Fondle closely.
43 Scottish Highlander.
44 Run away from.
45 Refuse.
46 Joke.
48 Inner bark of exogenous trees.
49 A fermented liquor.

Saturday's Puzzle.



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Monthly Tickets—Single	6.00	
Monthly Tickets—Single (Persons under 16 years of age)	2.00	
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Monthly Tickets—Family (4/5 persons)	12.00	
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MONDAY, DEC. 19, 1927.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

There can be nothing but satisfaction to express regarding the statement of Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for Reparation Payments, that he is optimistic about the present and future payments which Germany has to make under the Dawes annuity plan. The tenour of his report on the third year's working of that scheme is, to judge from the short Reuter cable received on Saturday, much better than was the tone of the Memorandum which he presented to the German Government between two and three months ago—a memorandum in which he severely criticised the trend of German financial policy. He has now said that "it is encouraging to find that the German Government has already financially reformed somewhat," and, in view of his recent strictures this is encouraging indeed. Underlying this problem of Germany's ability to pay the sums required by the Dawes scheme is the peace and welfare of Europe, and the subject is, therefore, one of tremendous interest and importance. The text of Mr. Gilbert's earlier Memorandum to the German Government has just been published (in the Home papers lately to hand) and it opened with a detailed analysis of what Mr. Gilbert calls "the accumulating evidences of over-spending and over-borrowing on the part of the German public authorities." He proceeded to point out that the expenditure of the Reich has risen rapidly during the past two years, resulting in substantial deficits which have been met by borrowing and the appropriation of reserve funds. Yet the Government continues to sanction measures which will increase expenditure still further; notably, the raising of the salaries of officials, active and retired; the compensation of German nationals for loss of property abroad; and a new school law. Meanwhile, nothing has been done to overhaul the financial arrangements between the Reich and the various States under which the latter are at present entitled to draw large defined percentages of some of the most productive taxes (75 per cent., for example, of the income tax and corporation tax). Indeed, a settlement of this question has been expressly postponed for two years. The States and Communes, for their part, appear also to be living beyond their means. Altogether there is a lack of "proper restraint" in expenditure which is "endangering the stability of the Budget, the establishment and maintenance of which were the corner-stone of the experts' plan for the reconstruction of Germany."

The Agent-General in the memorandum does not suggest that there is any serious danger of Germany failing to pay the stipulated Reparation annuities. On the contrary, he professes himself satisfied that "the payment of these sums is amply secured by the assigned revenues and other specific securities." His concern is lest the over-spending and over-borrowing should indirectly impede the process of "transfer," which has always been the root difficulty of the Reparations problem. Up till now Germany, as a people, has been borrowing from abroad, and notably from America, as much as and more than the Reparation payments, and, so long as she does this, transfer can continue without any export surplus. But how long can it continue? It is impossible, as Sir Josiah Stamp observed recently at Manchester "to go on for ever with purely financial settlements, getting rid of a big I.O.U. for a particular year by means of a series of I.O.U.s for succeeding years, and then discharging each of these in turn by a brood of future I.O.U.s, and so on *ad infinitum*." The time may soon come, as he hinted, when it will be necessary to co-ordinate the attitudes of the taxpayer, the industrialist, and the investor.

Wang Ching-wei.

It is scarcely surprising to read that in Kuomintang circles Mr. Wang Ching-wei is at present the subject of considerable suspicion and that his future movements are regarded as being doubtful. This stormy petrel of Chinese politics has had a very varied career and he has gained a deal of unenviable notoriety because of his undoubted extremist leanings. When he returned to Canton some month or so ago, there were many who were convinced that his visit to the South was likely to produce evil rather than good results, and the fact that the "Ironside" coup occurred just after he left for Shanghai in company with General Li Chai-sum caused considerable speculation as to how far he was implicated in that plot. Since then, suspicions have tended to increase rather than otherwise, especially as it is widely believed that Wang had foreknowledge of the Soviet scheme which was put into effect with such disastrous consequences last week-end. The Cantonese community in Shanghai is particularly indignant against Wang, and is urging his arrest on the ground that he is "a running dog of the Soviet." Several of the Nanking leaders are also anxious that he should be eliminated, considerable surprise being expressed that he still holds high position in the Kuomintang ranks. It will be most interesting to see what reactions take place from these movements, more especially since the Nanking Government appears to have set its mind on vigorous anti-Red activity. Wang Ching-wei has, without question, played a big part in extreme revolutionary movements in China in the past, *and in view of his record, it is not* to be wondered at that there should be those who doubt the sincerity of his recent anti-"Red" declarations. At the moment, he is suspect amongst the moderate members of the Kuomintang, who evidently believe that he has latterly been engaged in subversive activities leading up to recent Canton happenings.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 18.

Paris	124
Rio	5.59/64
Geneva	25.28½
Berlin	20.43
Oslo	18.33½
Helsingfors	193.90
Athens	366
Yokohama	1/10⅝
New York	4.88⅛
Buenos Aires	47⅞
Amsterdam	12.07
Stockholm	18.08¼
Vienna	34.58½
Madrid	29.28
Shanghai	2/7¼
Brussels	34.89
Bombay	1/6.7/64
Milan	89.95
Copenhagen	18.19¾
Prague	164⅝
Lisbon	2.7/16
Hongkong	2/0⅝
Silver (spot)	26.3/16
Silver (forward)	26.11/16

—*British Wireless.*

DAY BY DAY.

FEW ARE OPEN TO CONVICTION, BUT THE MAJORITY OF MEN ARE OPEN TO PERSUASION.—*Goethe.*

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There was one Chinese case of diphtheria reported over the week-end.

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The Empress of Canada left Yokohama on the 16th December at 3 p.m. and is due at Vancouver on the 25th December.

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The President Jackson, from Manila, is due here this afternoon at 4.30, and the President Taft, from U.S. and Shanghai, at 3 p.m.

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The paper mail from London, dated November 17, consigned by s.s. Takliwa and consisting of 354 bags, was distributed during the forenoon.

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Passengers leaving Hongkong by the s.s. Hakodaki Maru on Saturday included Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. H. H. Hough, Mr. G.E. Wilkinson, and Mrs. D. Urquhart.

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While riding a push-bicycle, a Chinese collided with a tram car at the Praya East, yesterday, and was removed to Hospital with serious injuries to his head.

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Mrs. Reynolds, residing at the old leather factory, Kowloon City Road, who on Thursday reported the loss of a diamond ring, has since informed the Police that it has been recovered.

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During the early hours of yesterday morning some person or persons entered No. 142, Queen's Road Central and stole money and clothing to the value of $41. How the intruder gained admittance is not known.

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Mr. M. Manuk, of the Dairy Farm Co., who is at present in Australia, recently underwent a slight operation, but news has been received that he is making good progress. He hopes to return to Hongkong next month.

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Father Planet, of St. Margaret's Church, has reported to the Police that a carpet valued at $200 was stolen from the church on Friday afternoon. The carpet was subsequently recovered in a pawn shop but no arrests have yet been made.

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Interesting events depicted in the Topical Gazette showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day include the visit of the Prince of Wales to the Quorn Hunt and also the marriage of Princess Anne of France to Prince Amedeo, Duke of Apulia, a wedding attended by forty Princes and Princesses.

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On the arrival of the s.s. Fook Sang from Calcutta early on Friday morning police officers carried out a search and, under the floor boards of the engine room, found 970 taels of raw opium. At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning Mr. W. Schofield made an order for the confiscation of the drug.

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To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone over China has strengthened considerably. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the northern portion of the North China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—Northerly winds, fresh; fair.

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It is announced that Messrs. Kodaka's exhibition of pearls and platinum and pearl jewellery, now being held at the salon of Messrs. Komor and Komor, will terminate on December 24th. Some beautiful examples of pearls are to be seen, and those who appreciate the very best, should avail themselves of the opportunity now offering.

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Pictures showing in the local cinemas for the last time to-day are Pola Negri's entertaining light comedy "Good and Naughty" at the Queen's; Charlie Chaplin's big war comedy, "Shoulder Arms," and the dare-devil aviator, Al Smith's exciting drama, "Three Miles Up," at the World; and Monte Blue's Colorado railway drama, "The Limited Mail," at the Star.

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The total of week-end shipping arrivals was 37 for each day, with British registering 12 and 16. This morning's returns gave 12 arrivals and 10 departures, of which two and four respectively were British, leaving 72 vessels in harbour, British 28. Tonnage was fair, with British entering the highest inward cargo, and Japanese registering all other heavy freights.

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As the Yaumati Ferry launch Man Yee was proceeding to Yaumati yesterday, a Chinese woman passenger jumped from the lower deck, apparently with the intention of taking her life. She was rescued by a sampan and was subsequently removed to Hospital after the application of first-aid. Another woman, who attempted to commit suicide in a similar way, by jumping from the ferry Man Tat, was also rescued and taken to Hospital.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hospital Complaint.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—A joke remains a joke until it is carried too far and then it may become a serious matter. The distinctive pop-pop heralding the approach of a Trojan car is also a joke, until it is carried night and day into the vicinity of a hospital, and then it may easily become a very serious matter.

I write as a recent inmate of St. Paul's Hospital, Causeway Bay, the French Hospital, an institution which has done and is doing a wonderful work in the cause of humanity, which has been a haven of rest for numberless persons whose health has broken down, and which deserves the fullest consideration of every resident in this Colony.

At the moment and, for some months past the value of the work unceasingly and unselfishly carried out by the Sisters is, in serious cases, subject to the vagaries of the driver of the Hongkong Electric Company's fleet of Trojan cars. At all hours of the day and often right up to past midnight they come and go, stopping just outside the hospital at the foot of the path leading to the H. E. C. quarters. Sometimes a little variety is provided by a motor-cyclist, who opens his throttle to the full about thirty yards down the road in order that he can make his way up the slope on top gear.

If the French Hospital was a convalescent home it would be serious enough, but in the nature of things, when an hour or two of sleep may save a patient's life, it is highly important that something should be done to prevent continuance of a state of affairs which ordinary consideration in the first place would have obviated.

If you would publish this letter drawing attention to the matter, I have no doubt the drivers aforementioned will need no further appeal.—Yours etc.

K.

Hongkong, Dec. 19th, 1927.

PIG DEALER ROBBED.

SNATCHER SENTENCED AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The case in which a Chinese pig dealer from Kwong Chow Wan was robbed of $375, being money he received as the result of a deal in Hongkong, had a sequel at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr. Justice Wood. The prisoner, Lo Pui, was charged on two counts, larceny with threats of violence and simple larceny. Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith prosecuted for the Crown.

The prisoner admitted the second count and it was decided not to proceed with the first.

In reply to his Lordship Mr. Whyte Smith said that $40 of the amount stolen had not been recovered. When the prisoner was chased, after snatching the money from the pig dealer, he dropped some of the notes, and it seemed likely that some of the money had been picked up by other people.

The prisoner was sentenced to two years with hard labour.

LOCAL BURGLARIES.

EUROPEAN RESIDENCES ENTERED.

Several thefts from European residences were reported during the week-end.

Mr. Padgett, living at No. 4 Peak Road, has reported that some time between midnight and 10 a.m. yesterday, a burglar entered his bedroom and stole articles of jewellery valued altogether at $160.

Mr. Bristow, living at No. 20, The Peak, has also stated that during the same night he received a visit from another burglar who took clothing valued at $47.

From Kowloon a report has been received that Mrs. L. D. Landy was victimised in a similar way, it being stated that a trunk kept in Mrs. Landy's bedroom at No. 3, Cameron Road was broken open and money stolen to the extent of over $100.

CHRISTIE AGAIN CHARGED.

A FORMAL REMAND.

James Christie was formally brought up before Major C. Willson this morning on the new charge of criminal conspiracy with Bluhm to extort money from the Police Reservist witness (Au Yeung).

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask appeared for the defence, and accused was formally remanded until to-morrow morning, when he will again appear with Bluhm, who has to answer the further charge of not having a proper passport.

A full report of Saturday's proceedings in connexion with this case, appears elsewhere in this issue.

ROBBED HIS MOTHER AND WIFE.

HOUSE COOLIE SENTENCED.

Thefts of several articles of jewellery and clothing were mentioned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a house coolie of No. 3, Pratt Buildings was charged by his mother, an amah of the same address, with larceny of a leather suitcase containing besides 13 articles of silk garments a five-diamond gold ring and other articles.

There were two other counts preferred against the defendant, charging him with pawning different articles. He was alleged to have pawned without authority a metal watch and a gold ring on June 22, last and also to have pawned the diamond ring mentioned in the first charge.

The defendant admitted all three counts.

Sergeant Barnicle told the Court that the defendant was addicted to opium smoking and that on November 30, while his mother and wife had gone to the market, he took the suitcase containing the articles mentioned in the first charge.

On a report being made to the Police, enquiries were conducted by detectives and the defendant was traced to No. 26, Woosung Street, where he was arrested.

Sergeant Barnicle mentioned that the wrist watch, which was the subject of the second charge, was given to the defendant to wear but not to pawn. The ring, however, had been stolen. When arrested, the defendant had in his possession a skeleton key for opening the suitcase.

Before passing sentence his Worship asked the complainant if she wished to say anything with regard to the penalty.

The complainant replied, "I want him punished by sending him to prison for three months." After a while she interposed and, addressing his Worship, said: "You had better make it one year." Later she intimated that even five years would not be too severe.

On the first charge the defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour, with an additional fine of $25 or three weeks' on each of the other two charges.

EXTRACTING A "BRIBE."

MOTOR DRIVER VICTIMISED.

For posing as the agent of a Chinese plain clothes constable and collecting $1 from a motor driver, a Chinese was sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, to six weeks' hard labour.

When charged, the man informed the Magistrate that he was actually the agent of Chinese constable 593.

The motor car driver who paid the bribe, said that the defendant represented himself as from the police and demanded sixty cents, in consideration of which, the police would allow him to tout for customers unmolested. On Saturday, this witness handed defendant $1 and as witness stepped out of his house in Queen's Road West, the Chinese detective arrested him.

In the witness box, the detective said that he was asked by a small boy whether, in view of the bribe he had received, he would make any further arrests of motor car touts. This question gave him the clue that someone was collecting money in his name and he kept a look-out on all the garages. He recognised the defendant as a man he had arrested before and when he seized him, the motor car driver who had been victimised, came forward with the story.

The defendant made a statement to the effect that he was in fact an agent of the constable and that he was collecting on behalf of the constable. He had no idea the constable was springing a trap on him.

THEFT AT AERODROME.

TEMPTATION TO COOLIES.

A scavenging coolie employed in the removal of rubbish from the Kai Tack Aerodrome, was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with larceny of a quantity of copper wire and electrical fittings.

The defendant admitted taking the things but said that he merely picked them up.

Sergeant McDonald informed his Worship that there had been a fire at the Aerodrome about a month ago and the wire and electric fittings were among the ruins. Yesterday the defendant was seen by the military police to pick out the copper wire and fittings and on seeing A. C. Sulsh he ran away.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship remarked that it was putting temptation in the way of the coolies by leaving the stuff lying about. A fine of $25 was imposed.

[L]AWN BOWLS.

[TAIKOO] RECREATION CLUB CLOSING DAY.

[On the] occasion of the official clos[ing of] the lawn bowls section of [Taikoo] Recreation Club on Satur[day, a ve]ry interesting game was [played on] the club greens between [teams cap]tained by the President and [Vice-Presi]dent, the match resulting [in a victor]y for the former's side by [eight point]s.

[The cus]tomary invitation to other [clubs to] participate in a series of [games wa]s dispensed with on account [of the st]ate of the club's greens, it [being im]possible to play more than [two rink]s.

[The res]ults of Saturday's games [were:—]

[Preside]nt.		Vice-President.	
[...]aw		A Craig	
[...]ker		H. Coombs	
		J. J. Whyte	
[...]r.	16	G. McLeod	12
[...]ton		K. E. Greig	
[...]wn		D. Spiers	
[...]bbie		D. C. Walmsley	
	16	G. Morrison	10
		N. Drummond	
[...]hmond		J. B. Chapman	
		J. Chalmers	
[...]lace	11	J. Muirhead	13
	43	Total	35

[A] photograph was taken dur[ing the in]terval, while at the conclu[sion of th]e games, the prizes were [presented] by Mrs. G. Morrison.

[C]hairman's Review.

[Prior to] the presentation, Mr. Mor[rison welc]omed Mr. and Mrs. Robert[son and fa]mily to the Club's premises, [and], he said:

[We hav]e now come to the official [closing of] the green for another sea[son. We ca]nnot say we have had a suc[cessful se]ason. In the First Division [we finishe]d second, Kowloon Dock [Bowling] Club being winners for [the first t]ime in the history of that [club and we] congratulate them on thus [winning] the League. (Applause). [Our secon]d team finished second in [the Leagu]e, Kowloon Cricket Club, [winning th]e Second Division.

[We hav]e quite a few promising [young pl]ayers in our second team [who are g]aining valuable experience, [and wh]o will one day uphold the [honour of] the first team when the old [ones are s]itting on the bank thinking [of the goo]d old days.

[We wer]e unfortunate to lose the [services of] Mr. Drummond, one of our [players, ear]ly in the season owing to [illness. T]his upset the balance of our [First Divi]sion team to a great extent, [and we did] not know what we should [have done] if three of the old hands [had not c]ome forward and pledged [themselves] to play bowls in the [...]

The Green.

[An]other cause of disappointment [was] the [s]tate of our bowling green. [We] had the consent of the General [Clu]b Committee at the end of last [sea]son to use our own judgment in [the] matter of what we should do with [the] green as a matter of fact, we [ha]d the power to returf the whole [gr]een if necessary.

In view of past experience after [ca]reful consideration it was decided [t]o returf two rinks on the west side of the ground which, I am sorry to say, turned out to be an absolute failure, and at the end of the season we had to fall back upon three rinks on the old part of the green. I may state here that we could not get more than three rinks on our green during this season.

This is, indeed, a serious state of affairs on a green which is capable of supplying six rinks. I am not going to venture an opinion myself, but if there is anyone here who would give his opinion and advice we should be grateful, but I will say this—if Taikoo is going through many more seasons under the same conditions as the season just finished I venture to say that Taikoo as a Bowling Club will steadily decline.

It is essential that the question of what we are going to do with the bowling green be taken up at once and in no half-hearted manner. (Hear, hear).

Prize Donors.

I wish now on behalf of Taikoo Recreation Club (*Bowls Section*) to thank the donors of the handsome prizes you see before you. (Applause). We are indeed lucky in this respect in having those gentlemen who come forward year after year with handsome prizes for the various competitions.

I often wish the donors would drop on to the green during the various rounds of the competitions and witness the keenness displayed by the competitors. Truly, the man who wins a prize in Taikoo has certainly got to play for it. (Hear, hear).

There is one more pleasant duty I have to perform that is, to thank the ladies who have provided the teas for the First and Second Division teams during the season (Applause). I am sure we all appreciate that cup of tea on a hot day and are grateful to the ladies who come along Saturday after Saturday. On behalf of the Taikoo bowlers I would ask the four ladies to accept a small token of our deep appreciation of their services. (Applause).

The four ladies, who were presented with souvenir vases, were Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Chalmers, Mrs. Speirs, and Mrs. Whyte.

Tournament Prizes.

Mrs. Morrison presented the prizes won in the Club's tournament during the season as follows:

Singles Championship (1st prize presented by Mr. D. Templeton): Winner, J. Laing; 2nd, G. Morrison; 3rd, R. C. Wallace.

Rink Competition for the "Reid Shield," (1st Prize, Replicas of the Shield presented by Mr. K. E. Greig): Winners, P. M. Stewart, J. D. N. Richmond, C. B. Matthews, W. Wotherspoon (skip); 2nd, D. C. Walmsley, R. B. Bell, J. J. Whyte, T. Young (skip); 3rd, J. Chalmers, J. Mitchell, B. McKechnie, G. McLeod (skip).

Four Bowls Pairs (1st Prize presented by Mr. H. C. Resker): Winners, J. Wajd and J. Laing; 2nd, J. Chalmers and H. Dinnen; 3rd, C. Young and W. Wotherspoon.

Open Singles Handicap (1st Prize presented by Mr. W. J. Hill): Winner, P. M. Stewart; 2nd, T. Young; 3rd, A. H. Maxwell.

Singles Handicap for those who had not previously won a first prize in a Singles Competition (1st Prize presented by Mr. N. S. Brown).—Winner, J. Chalmers; 2nd, P. M. Stewart; 3rd, A. H. Maxwell.

Two Bowls Pairs (1st Prize presented by Messrs. Davie Boag and Co.) The final in this has not yet been played off but the finalists are.—P. M. Stewart and J. Laing; John Sloan and T. Grimes.

Mrs. Morrison was presented with a vase of flowers at the hands of little Annie Weir.

Mr. Morrison suitably responded.

An Old Hand.

Mr. D. Templeton said that owing to Mr. Brown's natural modesty it fell to him to add to the Chairman's words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and the Misses Robertson, and to state how pleased they were to see them there that afternoon.

In replying to the expression of appreciation of the prizes presented by the donors of prizes, it had been his great pleasure to interest himself in lawn bowls at the Taikoo Recreation Club for a great many years. If the various donors were not seen on the rinks as often as they might, that did not betoken a lack of interest, as they often enquired as to who were in the running for the various prizes.

The Old Quarry Bay.

Mr. Robertson said that it was a source of great pleasure for him and Mrs. Robertson and their daughters to be present.

He had been connected with Taikoo since 1891 and since that time he had wondered at the great development of Quarry Bay. But he was sure that notwithstanding that development the reputation of Taikoo in the matter of hospitality to their visitors had never diminished in the slightest degree.

Mr. Dobbie, as the only visitor from the other Clubs in the Colony, said that the Chairman, Mr. Morrison, had been too modest and too deprecating of the part that the Taikoo Recreation Club had taken in the season just brought to a close. He had omitted altogether mention of the winning by the Taikoo Recreation Club of the Spey Royal Cup. (Hear, hear.) To win that trophy from the holders—the Craigengower Cricket Club—was only another testimony to the prowess of Taikoo.

The Chairman had dwelt on the difficulties of the ground—difficulties that some of the other Clubs fully sympathised with, particularly the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, but these were not insurmountable and no doubt Taikoo would within a short period be found once again producing a bowling green that could hold its own with any in the Colony.

He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Morrison for presiding over the presentation of prizes. (Applause.)

RIFLE SHOOTING.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

In a friendly rifle shoot at Stonecutters on Saturday a team of eight men from H.M.S. Argus defeated the Royal Naval Dockyard Rifle Club by the narrow margin of two points.

The full scores were:

H.M.S. Argus.

	200 Yrds.	500 Yrds.	600 Yrds.	Total
Comd. Grn. Barber	27	34	31	92
Wr. Tel Nash	27	31	29	87
Corpl. Willet	26	30	27	83
Marine Reeves	25	29	26	80
Ld. Tel. Wilkins	24	31	23	78
Marine Hartnoll	27	24	25	76
Sgt. Hook	21	30	22	73
P. O. King	19	23	21	63
Total				632
Counted Out				

Dockyard R. C.

A. B. Rose	24	16	15	55
A. Cook	31	33	31	95
W. Garrett	25	34	30	89
C. F. Young	28	31	24	83
Gossett	27	23	26	76
Lewis	21	26	27	74
J. Littleton	24	25	25	74
C. G. Mitchell	28	27	16	71
S. V. Wickenden	28	27	13	68
Total				630
Counted Out				
Dawson	24	25	18	67
W. R. Latham	23	25	9	57

HOCKEY.

TEAMS FOR MID-WEEK MATCHES.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club first eleven against the "Wanderers," on the U. S. R. C. ground at 4.45 p.m. on Wednesday: W. J. Lockhart-Smith, J. E. Henry, D. Lyon, L. M. S. Lloyd, A. A. Dand, J. E. Noronha, R. K. Valentine, F. G. L. Wheeler, E. L. Sim, W. Woodward and B. D. Evans.

Club v H. K. S. R. A.

Against the Hongkong S. R. A. on the Marina Ground at 5 p.m. tomorrow, the Hongkong Hockey Club second will be represented by F. S. Nicholls, A. N. Other, L. F. Nicholson, W. R. Greenhalgh, Rev. J. P. Murray, Rev. N. Evans, R. R. Todd, L. P. Thomas, F. G. L. Wheeler, W. A. Nowers, and T. P. Saunderson.

YACHTING.

CHALLENGE CUP AND SERVICE RACES.

On Saturday the weekly race for the Challenge Cup was sailed while there was also a race for servicemen.

The course for the first event was Channel Rock (P.), Kowloon Peak (S.), Lyemun Beacon (S.), mark on line (S.), Cust Rock Buoy (S.). Distance 8.5 miles.

The results were:

Handicap Class.

	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
Diana	4.09.51	4.08.26
Colleen	4.23.12	4.16.07
Rolla	4.10.55	4.10.55
Falcon	4.31.34	4.23.04
La Linda	4.20.39	4.14.16½
Argulla II.	4.29.13	4.30.43
Dorothea	4.14.35	4.06.05

G. Class.

Gael	4.42.23	4.36.11½
Pierrette	4.37.10	4.33.37½
Viking	4.36.34	4.27.21½
Joan	4.39.04	4.32.41½

Y. Class.

Why Wonder	4.33.32	4.33.43
Wings	4.41.06	4.41.06
Bluenose	D.N.F.	
Boojum	4.33.42	4.33.42
Adele	D.N.F.	
Adanac	4.34.19	4.34.19
Zephyr	4.51.52	4.48.19
Lola	4.44.15	4.38.35

I. Class.

Daphne	4.44.59	4.44.59
Ailsa	4.42.11	4.42.11
Halcyon	4.52.18	4.52.19

Service Race.

The course for the other event the Service Sailing Race, was Channel Rock (P.), Kowloon Peak (S.), Mark on line (S.), Cust Rock Buoy (S.). There were 13 entries. H.M.S. "Ambrose" galley won.

Results:

	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
Ambrose, Galley, P. O. Gibb	4.22.43	4.22.43
Argus, Galley, Capt. Palmer	4.25.41	4.26.41
Thracian, Whaler, Lieut. Thomas	4.46.19	4.32.19
Seraph, Whaler, C. P. O. Riddalls	4.47.18	4.33.18
Argus, Whaler, Comdr. Boncher	4.46.48	4.34.12
Sirdar, Whaler, C. P. O. Kent	4.49.15	4.35.15
Ambrose, Cutter, P. O. Matthews	4.44.04	4.35.40
Hawkins, Galley, Md. Winke	4.45.41	4.45.41
Hawkins, Whaler, A.B. Harding	5.01.00	4.48.29

SCHOOL BAZAAR.

KOWLOON GIRLS HOLD SALE OF WORK.

With the object of augmenting the School Building Fund, the past and present pupils of the Diocesan Girls' School held a sale of work on Saturday afternoon. Although composed mostly of children and the younger folk, the attendance was quite large and the many articles displayed for sale were soon disposed of.

During the afternoon there was a tea dance, the "Antidotes" supplying the music.

The stalls were managed by the school girls and former pupils, the former being in control of the work of their respective classes. These were conducted as follows:

Class I—The Christmas Tree laden with all the pretty things so dear to the young one's hearts.

Class II—The competitions and raffles which included some very desirable prizes.

Class III—The fruit stall, with all the tempting fruits in season.

Class IV—The miscellaneous stall.

Class V—The Chinese stall.

Class VI—The sweet stall.

The Diocesan Old Girls' Association ran a fancy stall of its own and in addition handled some of the competitions, which included shying rubber balls for toys, candies, etc.

During the afternoon there was also a Maypole game in which the younger students of the school took part.

The fair was formally opened by Mrs. C. C. Luard, wife of H.E. the Officer Commanding the Forces, who said that that was the first occasion she had officiated at a function of that nature. After complimenting the school on its work, Mrs. Luard was shown the premises by Miss Sawyer, the Head Mistress.

U.S. GOLF TITLE.

BOBBY JONES TOO BUSY TO PLAY.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 18.

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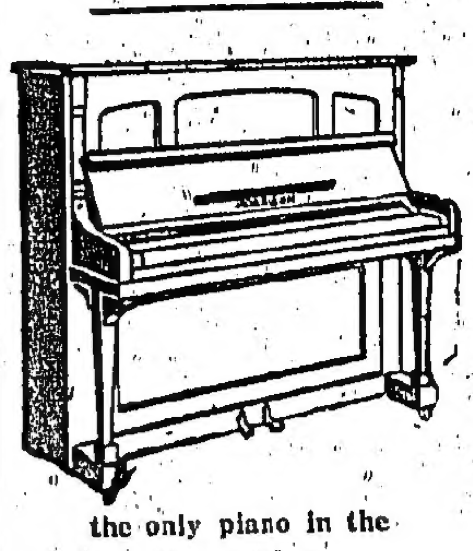

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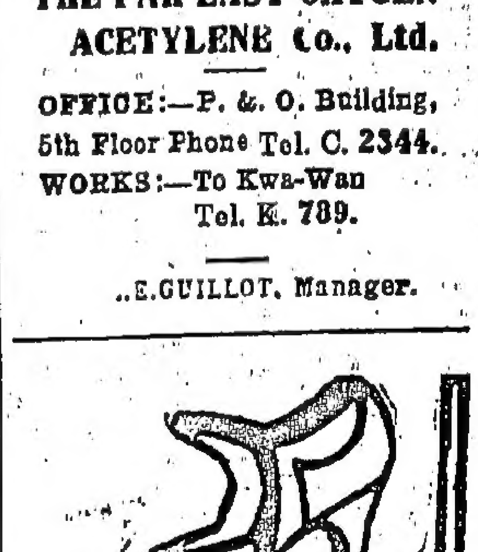

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SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

KOWLOON DROP TWO POINTS.

In their first match of the season, the Kowloon Cricket Club, last year's champions, were held to a draw by the Indian R. C. "A" team in a high scoring match played at Kowloon. Craigengower unexpectedly dropped two points against the Indians "B," whilst the Chinese maintained their form of the previous two weeks and were somewhat unfortunate in not taking full points from the Civil Service.

Kowloon v Indians.

As was generally expected, the match between last year's champions and the Indian R. C. "A" was left unfinished, after some big scores had been made on both sides.

The match was played at Kowloon, the visitors batting first. The bowling of the home team was severely punished and at the tea interval the Sookumpoo eleven had knocked up the valuable score of 184 for the loss of only three wickets when the innings was declared. Of the total, A. H. Madar contributed 67 and J. S. A. Curreem 62, both being undefeated at the close of the innings.

Left with barely an hour and a half in which to score the necessary runs for victory, the Kowloon players found the task slightly beyond them and when stumps were drawn they had made 140 for five wickets, Ramsey scoring 63 and Brace 31.

Chinese v Civil Service.

After declaring for 151 for the loss of eight wickets, the Chinese, entertaining the Civil Service, just failed to take full points although the visitors made a sporting effort to make the runs and lost nine of their wickets for 135. Hamilton's was an enterprising innings.

University v. Artillery.

The University entertained the Royal Artillery and won by 23 runs. The home team went to the wickets first and made 125 (Lam 30 and Ng 21). The visitors replied with 102 (Wright 23). For the home team Rumjahn took four wickets for 44 runs while Glazebrook took three for 17 for the Artillery.

Craigengower v. Indians "B".

The Craigengower C. C. received rather a surprise from the Indians "B" whom it was expected they would easily beat. Although the Valley team, batting first, declared with 182 runs for the loss of only three wickets, they were unable to dismiss the Indians.

For Craigengower Zimmern made 74 and Hamson, who has been batting very consistently lately, scored 53 before being defeated. Two of the three wickets were taken by Suffiad for 35 runs.

The Indians replied with 107 for three wickets, Madar just reaching the fifty mark.

DIVISION II.

Civil Service v University.

The University seconds journeyed to Happy Valley where they beat the Civil Service team by 16 runs. The visitors batted first and made 169 (Kermani 59 and Gittins 55), the Civil Service players making 153 in reply (Robertson 65).

Hongkong Electric v. Kowloon.

The Kowloon juniors won their first match on Saturday when they defeated the Hongkong Electric Company at King's Park. With only 82 runs to make for victory, the Kowloon players batting last easily passed their opponents' total, the innings realising 109 runs for four wickets.

Stanesby was the most successful batsman for the Electric Company while Drysdale and Dand were responsible for the Kowloon score of 109.

Police v Navy.

The Police suffered yet another defeat on Saturday when they went under to the Navy seconds, the match taking place on the Police ground.

The scoring was low on both sides, the home team knocking up only 71 runs, while the visitors replied with 120. Sparrow (Navy) was the most successful bowler of the match, claiming six Police victims for 30 runs.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Craigengower C.C.	4	2	2	–	8
Indian R.C. "A"	3	2	1	–	7
University	2	2	–	–	6
Royal Navy	3	1	2	–	5
Chinese R.C.	5	1	2	2	5
Civil Service C.C.	3	1	1	1	4
Kowloon C.C	1	–	1	–	1
Indian R.C. "B"	4	–	1	3	1
Royal Artillery	3	–	–	3	–

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
University	4	4	–	–	12
Recreio	4	3	–	1	9
R.A.O.C.	4	3	–	1	9
Royal Navy	3	2	–	1	6
Kowloon C.C.	3	1	1	1	4
Civil Service C.C.	3	1	–	2	3
Hongkong Electric	3	1	–	2	3
Police	5	1	–	4	3
Tamar	3	–	1	2	1
Royal Engineers	2	–	–	2	–

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Hongkong C.C. 2nd. v Recreio.

Playing on the Hongkong C.C. ground, the home team drew with the Club de Recreio. The hosts made 189 for 6 wickets declared (Armstrong 47, Tait 33 and Summers 31 not out) and the Portuguese team replied with 87 for seven wickets (Reed 21). Griffin took three wickets for twelve runs and Hall three for 13.

D. B. S. v Air Force.

In a high scoring match, the Diocesan Boys' School and the Royal Air Force played a drawn game on the school ground. The school put up a total of 253 runs for four wickets declared (A. T. Lee 106 not out and Anderson 82). The Air Force replied with 166 for eight wickets (Grist 35, Mansfield 29 and Smith 28). R. Lee took six wickets for 52 runs.

Yesterday's Match.

Playing on the Indian R. C. ground yesterday the home team beat the Hongkong Electric by over 70 runs. For the Indians, J. S. A. Curreem knocked up a century, scoring 109 before being defeated. The visitors replied with 101, S. Khan taking four wickets for 36 runs and A. H. Rumjahn three for nine runs.

RUGBY INTERPORT.

MATCH WITH SHANGHAI.

The Hongkong Football Club, the governing body of rugby football in Hongkong, has received an invitation from Shanghai, for a representative team to visit the Northern port during the Chinese New Year.

The invitation has been accepted subject to confirmation and provisional arrangements have been made for the side to leave with the Association team on the President Grant sailing January 17. The final decision will depend upon the acceptances forming, in the opinion of a special sub-committee, a combination truly representative of the Colony's resources.

Messrs. Hamilton and McTavish, the Chairman and Hon. Sec. of the Football Club, who have already arranged to travel with the Association team, will presumably have charge of the non-playing arrangements, whilst Mr. C. D. Wales has been invited to Captain the side.

The present strength of the Rugby Club and the Services in Shanghai will assure several matches of a high standard.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

SEVERAL FINES LEVIED ON TEAMS.

The Hongkong Football League Management Committee meeting was held on the 15th. with Mr. G. T. May in the chair. The Secretary reported the following transfers:—A. Ward from St. Joseph's to Club de Recreio as from 7. 12. 27; F. Lee from St. Joseph's to Chinese Athletic as from 8. 12.27 and G. F. Victor St. Joseph's to Club de Recreio as from 12. 12. 27.

The Committee considered the conduct of the Police Football Club in playing T. Pile in the game against the K. O. S. B. Club on the 3rd without having the player properly transferred in accordance with Rule 9, they decided to fine the Police ten dollars and to caution T. Pile.

The Kowloon Football Club were fined five dollars for postponing the Junior "B" game v. Boy Scouts on the 3rd, they were also fined five dollars for postponing the Senior game with the Chinese Athletic on the same day, points in both games were awarded their opponents.

The Junior "A" Division game, St. Joseph's v. Kowloon, which was played on the 29th October, was ordered to be re-played.

For playing a senior division player in a junior division game against the K.O.S.B. on the 10th without permission, the Kowloon Football Club were fined ten dollars.

The League Management Committee ruled that unless permission to postpone games was received by the League Secretary not later that Thursday morning in each week, the games will have to be played.

U.S. FOOTBALL.

BREAK BETWEEN ARMY AND NAVY.

New York, Dec. 17.

Great disappointment is felt by the sporting public at the news that the Army and Navy have broken off football relations owing to a difference of opinion as regards the eligibility rules.

For the past 30 years the Army-Navy match has been the climax of the football season and one of the most spectacular sporting events of the year.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BIG SCORING.

PONSFORD BEATS HIS OWN RECORD.

Melbourne, Dec. 17.

Playing for Victoria against Queensland in the Sheffield Shield match, Ponsford scored 437, thus beating his own world's record score in first-class cricket of 429. Apart from two very difficult chances he batted brilliantly throughout and hit 42 fours. He occupied the wicket for 10 hours and 21 minutes.

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HOME RUGBY.

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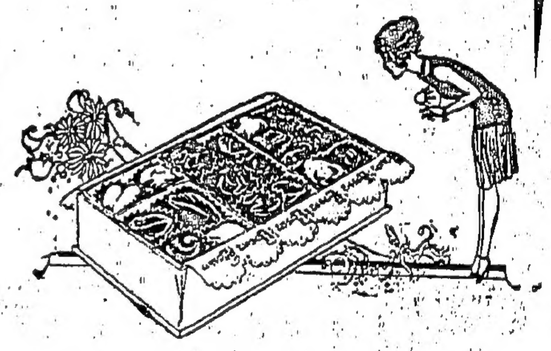

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SEQUEL TO GOLD BAR THEFT.

TRIAL OPENS AT THE SESSIONS.

RECENT LAUNCH INCIDENT.

The theft of gold bars, to the value of 600 taels, from a launch belonging to the Wo Fat Shing firm, Wing Lok Street, on October 12th, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, when an alleged robber appeared for trial. The prisoner, Tsoi Fu, is charged for having, with others not in custody, on board the launch Wo Fat Shing, robbed Tam Shiu-tong of 600 taels of gold bar, as well as with robbing other members of the crew of money to the total value of $28.08, a watch and a gold wrist watch.

The case for the Crown is in the hands of Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith and the prisoner, who pleads "Not Guilty," is being defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones.

The jurors are Messrs. H. M. Pinguet (foreman), J. N. Murray, A. G. Langston, P. Kristofersen, Chan Kwei-pun, A. F. Ferreira, and A. Brearley.

In outlining the circumstances, Mr. Whyte Smith said the incident could almost have been described as piracy because it took place on the launch when it was under way in the harbour. The Wo Fat Shing firm, he explained, were exporting gold bars to Annam and they had their own launch to take the gold to the ship which would convey it an Annam. On October 12th, at about 6.40 p.m., the 600 taels of gold bars were put on board the launch by fokis. At that time the launch was near the Canton wharf. It was to be taken to the s.s. Prominent, a Norwegian vessel which was lying in the harbour. The gold bars were enclosed in wooden boxes and the whole was contained in a big tin box.

Continuing, he said it was important to note the personnel of the crew. They consisted of coxswain, Wong Yi; seaman, Ah Hing; fireman or stoker, Ah Hai *alias* Au Siu; a boy Sai Lo; and a substitute engineer, Ah Wing. It was important because they would hear in evidence that the fireman and the substitute engineer became robbers.

Engineer Missing.

It was interesting to note how the substitute engineer got his job. He had only been on the launch for about two weeks and was put on board by the permanent engineer, Au San, who went off on sick leave. Au San had not been heard of since the robbery. The prisoner was also a friend of Au San. He was not a member of the crew, but Au San used to bring him on board the launch occasionally and give him meals.

Dealing with the actual robbery, Mr. Whyte Smith went on to say that when the launch left the wharf, the prisoner was evidently on board, but was not conspicuous. About ten minutes afterwards, he appeared with a short firearm.

It was doubtful how many men took part in the robbery, but he would suggest that there were probably five, including the fireman and the substitute engineer. Two of the robbers carried firearms and the innocent members of the crew were driven into the cabin, including a compradore from the s.s. Prominent, where they were bound and searched. Evidence would be given that the prisoner was a principal searcher.

Launch Ashore.

The men in the cabin heard sounds that suggested boxes were being broken open on the deck. When the robbers left the launch, they told the crew not to move until nine o'clock, presumably meaning that evening. Shortly afterwards, the crew felt the launch bump. They succeeded in freeing themselves and on going on deck found that the boat had gone ashore opposite Ming Yuen Gardens, North Point. They went ashore there and reported the matter to the police.

As a result of that report, the prisoner was arrested. He was found on board a boat which was to sail for Canton. In his stocking were found some bank notes and in one of his shoes a gold bar was found. The master of the Wo Fat Shing firm would identify that bar as being one supplied by his firm.

The case is proceeding.

The case against Elly Widler, in connexion with the non-delivery of a consignment of ammunition agreed to be sold to certain Chinese, was concluded at the Swiss Consular Court, at Shanghai, last Tuesday, when defendant was found not guilty of fraud, forgery, and destruction of documents, but was sentenced to three months' detention for using a forged document.

IN SHANGHAI NOW.

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chest; last, but not least, it will subject business to the caprice of the militarists. A wholesale transfer to foreign banks is already under contemplation, by those domiciled within Settlement limits.

Appreciation of Police Gallantry.

The foreign community is feeling gratified almost to the point of elation over a letter of appreciation of the work done by the Municipal Police Force, in the matter of the suppression of armed robbers, signed by a number of prominent members of the Chinese community and sent to the Chairman of Council.

For some time past, the foreign element in Shanghai had been waiting for some sign of appreciation and recognition of the gallant services being rendered daily by members of the Police Force, at the peril of their own lives, to the Chinese community to protect them from the unwelcome attentions of armed robbers and kidnappers, but it was noted with pained regret that no such recognition was forthcoming. The responsible Chinese element in Shanghai have now, however, done the fair thing and placed on record a tangible recognition of conspicuous courage that augurs well for future Sino-foreign co-operation, which has been sadly lacking ever since the ill-starred transaction of May 30, 1925.

The names of the prominent Chinese subscribing their signatures to the letter of appreciation are not published so as to spare them the attentions of the lawless gentry, but the sentiments expressed therein bespeak a generous impulse that does credit to the Chinese community. Whilst paying a tribute to the heroic and effective work of the police in the suppression of crime and expressing deep regret that some members of the Police Force had either sustained severe wounds or met death at the hands of desperate criminals, the authors of the letter go further than that and avow their readiness to give expression to their appreciation in terms of substantial monetary donations.

Well done, fellow-ratepayers, is the prevailing sentiment.

Dogs Have Their Day.

Readers of these notes will perhaps experience a welcome relief from ponderous themes by a transition to a lighter subject, and so the scribe would like to make passing reference to the Shanghai Dog Show, held at the Race Course under the auspices of the China Kennel Club.

Despite the incidence of many counter-attractions at this time of year, a stroll through the grounds unfolded to the spectator's vision all the aristocrats of Shanghai's canine world. Not for a long time does one recollect having seen so many dogs having their day, one wag facetiously remarking that as these are dog days in Shanghai, what with strikes, armed robberies and kidnappings, it is not inappropriate to trot out the dogs in order to live up to the spirit of the occasion.

This year's Show has been no exception to its predecessors in point of the "verbal post-mortem usually held between the judges and exhibitors, leading to no little acerbity on both sides. The former are reproaching exhibitors, or some of them, with a breach of ordinary show rules, and the charge is hurled against them that they wandered all over the vast hall, trailing their dogs after them and worrying every official with quarries about the time of judging each class, with the consequence that stewards were chasing all over the place trying to get the classes together, and in some instances dogs missed being judged, thus leaving a heritage of resentment and hard feeling at the conclusion of the show.

The charges made against exhibitors have been hotly repudiated by one or two doughty opponents of the judges in letters to the press in which the officials are blamed for conducting the show in a haphazard manner. The whole thing, of course, is hardly conducive to the development of enthusiasm for the next show, if one is held.

General Chang Kai-shek's Call.

The former Generalissimo of the Cantonese revolutionary forces has found sufficient time to pause from his honeymoon to address a circular letter to the members of the Central Executive Committee now holding the preliminary Kuomintang Conference in Shanghai urging all his colleagues to forget their past differences and ill-feelings against one another so as to pave the way for a successful solution of the Party's problems in the coming deliberations.

General Chiang says that no sacrifice is too big in order to solidify the ranks throughout the entire Party and to restore to it its former prestige, which has been on the wane. The General is fearful lest the Party, which is now facing the severest test to which it has been subjected since its inception 30 years ago, should be shattered on the rocks of personal differences and party dissensions.

FATHER ACCUSED OF MURDER.

CHARGED WITH DAUGHTER'S DEATH.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS CASE.

Charged with the murder of his 16-years-old daughter, a Chinese from 88, Canton Road, Kowloon, appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is conducting the case for the Crown and Mr. Hin Shing-lo, instructed by Mr. F. E. Loseby, is defending.

The Crown allege that the prisoner, who was stated to have worried about his daughter's health, worried about his daughter's health, cut her throat with a razor on September 24 and afterwards cut his own. The daughter died within a very short time but the prisoner's life was saved, owing to the fact that the cut on his throat did not sever any of the main arteries.

Dr. J. E. Dovey, medical officer in charge of Kowloon Mortuary, said that when he examined the girl he found a cut in the throat three and a half inches deep and one and three-eights inches in width. The cut was deeper on the left side than on the right.

In reply to questions, witness said the appearance of the wound went to show that it was not self-inflicted. It could have been inflicted by a razor and would cause death within two minutes. There was no other external injury but there were traces of internal illness.

Prisoner's Wound.

Witness went on to say that he also saw the prisoner at the Kowloon Hospital and found him to be suffering from a cut in his throat. He was apparently suffering from shock and loss of blood. He was practically unconscious. That wound might also have been caused by a razor and had the appearance of having been self-inflicted because the wound was in an oblique direction. This was further borne out by the fact that the larynx was cut but the great veins were not touched. The man was later transferred to the Government Civil Hospital.

In reply to Mr. Hin Shing-lo, witness said the girl was about 16 years of age. Her conditions indicated that she had had high fever and such fever might have caused her to become delirious.

Defending counsel further questioned witness as to whether he could say whether the wound on the girl's throat had been caused by an assailant or by her own left hand. Witness replied the latter was possible but not probable. From the cut itself there were indications that it might have been caused by an assailant or by self, but he said he wished that statement to be taken in conjunction with what he had previously said, that it gave most indication of having been caused by an assailant.

A Chinese, living in the lower part of prisoner's house, said he had known the prisoner for seven years. When the girl was ill witness went for a doctor. He had seen the prisoner carrying his daughter about and he appeared to be frightened.

Magic Denied.

In reply to Mr. Hin Shing-lo, witness admitted going to see the prisoner on the night of September 22 but he denied that he told the prisoner's wife that he (witness) was a magician or that he could cure the daughter. He also denied recommending the prisoner to give the girl some pig's heart mixed with medicine.

A Chinese doctor from Wellington Street, said he was a clansman of the prisoner and had known him since childhood. Witness had attended the daughter. He first went to the house on September 19 and again went there on September 22. The girl was seriously ill, suffering from what the Chinese called "great heat" meaning high fever. The prisoner seemed to be very frightened and cried. He asked witness whether the girl would die.

The case is proceeding.

The jurors sworn in for the case are Messrs. A. L. Shields (foreman), P. B. Sella, A. C. Wilkinson, J. Thayer, J. Russell, A. M. B. de Rocha and H. J. Donne.

It is not easy to say precisely what weight his admonitions will carry with the people at large because there are rumblings of discontent against the General himself in many quarters, high and low, it being openly declared that General Chiang, after amassing a fortune, left those who trusted him—the soldiers of the revolution—to stew in their own juice. There are reports that the General and his bride will soon move into a new palatial home which has been bought for $100,000 in the French Concession in Tientsin and that the General's wedding gift to his bride was a luxurious motor car priced at $10,000.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

HAPPY SOCIAL GATHERING.

The Hongkong and the Chinese Lodges of the Theosophical Society held their close-of-the-season meeting on Sunday evening at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, a large number of members and friends, with their families, being present. The meeting took the form of a musical social, with tea and short addresses.

An attractive programme of music was rendered. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod delighted the audience with a number of songs and a duet, whilst Miss N. Judah and Mrs. M. May with Miss M. Russell contributed much to the success of the evening on the piano. Several melodious duets and solos were delivered by two noted Chinese artists, Messrs. Liu Man-sing and Tse Shiu-sheung on a harp-like stringed instrument, with accompaniment.

Bro. John Russell, Vice-President, Hongkong Lodge T.S., acted as Chairman throughout. In his opening remarks he spoke of the successful lecturing term brought by the present meeting to a close, and gave expression to the brotherly feelings of those present to their absent leader and Lodge President, Bro. M. Manuk, with whose return in the near future the forces of the Lodge would be greatly augmented. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to send a telegram to Bro. M. Manuk conveying the greetings of all present.

Several short addresses were delivered by the Chairman and others. Bro. J. Russell dwelt on the ideals of the Theosophical Society, and on the Brotherhood of East and West and their essential unity.

Pointing to brotherhood as a reality, as an established fundamental fact in nature, Bro. H. E. Lanepart said that we all long for peace and happiness, and that only in the measure as we live in the real, in the measure as we serve the one life in all, beyond the illusory separativenes and diversity of the form, shall we enter lasting happiness and peace.

Bro. Wei Tat, B.A., the President of the Chinese Lodge T. S., gave a powerful and inspiring address in Chinese to the many Chinese brethren present. He dwelt on the unity of life, its great purpose and on the great value of brotherly love and pointed out the value of the ideal of service to the great self.

Further musical items concluded the musical programme.

Bro. David Gubbay, Past-Vice-President, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had helped in making the evening a success, which was thoroughly endorsed by those present. The Chairman brought the happy gathering to an end, by showing in a few well-chosen words the great value and help which can be derived even from a brief study of the great teachings of Theosophy.—*Contributed.*

EUROPEAN STOWAWAY.

WANTS TO GET TO GERMANY.

Mr. Herman Ricklip, fourth officer of the s.s. Derflinger, prosecuted a European named K. Spangler at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning on a charge of stowing away from Manila to Hongkong.

The defendant admitted being on board without a passage ticket, but said he had no intention of stowing away.

Asked what he was doing on board the ship, the defendant replied, "I went on board to get some beer."

His Worship: Why did you stay so long on board as to come here?"

Defendant: I don't know, unless I drank too much beer and went to sleep."

It was stated by Mr. Ricklip that the defendant applied for work seven hours after the vessel's departure from Manila. He had said that he desired to go to Germany.

The defendant was fined $50 or four weeks' hard labour in default.

IRISH COINAGE.

MAY BE BASED ON POUND STERLING.

London, Dec. 17.

The Banking Commission appointed by the Irish Free State Government on March 26, in the final report, recommends a coinage based on, and equal to, the British pound sterling, and a banking system similar to that of Britain and the United States, based on a gold standard.—*Reuter.*

NEW RUGBY TIME SIGNALS.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM.

AN ACCURATE TIME CHECK.

London, Dec. 18.

Commencing to-morrow, December 19th, a British time signal will be transmitted from the wireless station at Rugby twice daily, during five minutes terminating at ten in the morning and six in the evening, Greenwich Mean Time.

Each transmission, which will be controlled from the standard clock at Greenwich Observatory, will be of the type proposed by the International Time Commission in 1925, and known as the "International system of rhythmic wireless time signals." It will consist of a series of 306 signals transmitted in three hundred seconds of mean time. Each minute will be clearly marked by a dash of two-fifths of a second duration, beginning on the exact minute. The dashes at 55th., 56th., 57th., 58th. and 59th. minutes will be followed by a succession of sixty dots, spaced at equal intervals, following the commencement of the dashes at these minutes. The hour will be indicated by a dash of similar duration to the others commencing on the exact hour.

This arrangement provides an extremely accurate time check for geographers and surveyors. At the same time it is suitable for the use of ships at sea and is sufficiently simple for more general application, since for ordinary purposes the dashes, which give a clear indication of the minutes, are all that need be noted. Times of transmission have been selected with a view to reaching the largest possible portion of the globe at suitable periods of the day.

The institution of the time signal from the Rugby Station marks an addition to the services by which this station maintains contact with the most distant parts of the world. To ships on every sea, many of which are in the habit of receiving private and press telegrams direct from Rugby, the new time signal will provide a means of checking their chronometers and should consequently prove an additional aid to navigation. The Wireless transmissions will be effected by means of continuous waves on a wavelength of 18,740 metres.—*British Wireless.*

TRAMWAY INSPECTOR ASSAULTED.

MAN WHO POSED AS EMPLOYEE.

A Chinese, who, as the result of a squabble with an inspector of the Tramway Company, assaulted the latter on Saturday afternoon, was sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning to fourteen days' hard labour.

Evidence was given by employees of the Tramway Company to show that defendant attempted to defraud the Company by trying to pose as an employee and thus obtain a free ride. An inspector, who boarded the tram, made the defendant pay for his fare and this was said to be the cause of the trouble.

It was also stated in evidence that the defendant assaulted the Inspector with a pole.

PACIFIC LINE CONTRACT.

CANCELLED BY SHIPPING BOARD.

Washington, Dec. 12.

The Shipping Board to-day passed a resolution condemning the action of Commissioner W. S. Hill in accepting a loan from a representative of Swayne and Hoyt, a San Francisco shipping company.

At the same time the Shipping Board cancelled the contract of Swayne and Hoyt for the operation of the American-Australia-Orient Line.—*Associated Press.*

The American Australia Orient Line, operated for the shipping board by Swayne and Hoyt, maintains a traingular service through San Francisco, Australia and the Philippines.

WHIST DRIVE.

LAST OF K. B. G. C. SERIES.

The last of a successful series of fortnightly Whist Drives was held by members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday evening. The prize-winners were as follow:

Ladies.—1st Mrs. R. Duncan; 2nd, Mrs. Hevey; 3rd, Mrs. Purslow; Hidden Number, Mrs. Normington; and Booby, Mrs. Bell.

Gentlemen.—1st Mr. C. Stewart; 2nd Mr. Hevey; 3rd Mr. Bell; Hidden Numbers, Messrs MacFarlane and Frazer; Booby; Mr. C. Bond.

At the conclusion of the Drive, presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. D. Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. A. Allison for valuable services rendered in organising the games. Mrs. B. Wylie distributed the prizes.

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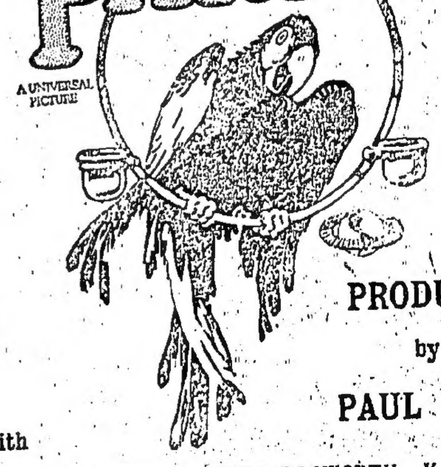

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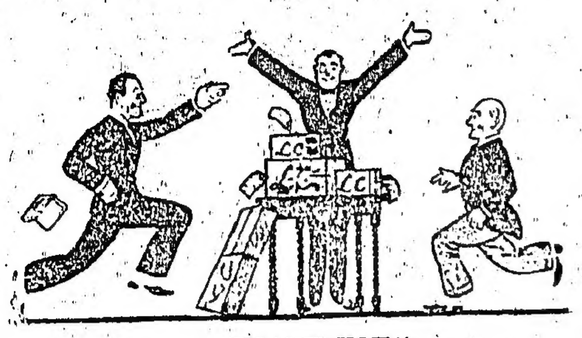

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CAPTAIN LALOR.

RIGHT LEG AMPUTATED AT HANKOW.

Hankow, Dec. 17.

Captain Lalor arrived yesterday aboard H.M.S. Bee, and has been sent to hospital, where his right leg has been amputated above the ankle as a result of gangrene from the wound inflicted by bandits.

The operation was completely successful, and he is doing well —*Reuter.*

TIME SIGNAL.

RUGBY TO BROADCAST TWICE DAILY.

London, Dec. 17.

Beginning on December 19, a world-wide time signal will be transmitted from the Post Office wireless station at Rugby twice daily, during the five minutes terminating at ten, in the morning and six in the evening, G. M. T.

This transmission will be specially useful for geographers, surveyors, and ships at sea. It will be effected on a wave length of 18,740 metres.—*Reuter.*

THE WORLD OF SPORT

SOCCER SURPRISE.

R.A.F. GIVE INEPT DISPLAY.

CLUB'S GREAT FIGHT.

[By "Wanderer."]

It is now a tolerable certainty that the Chinese Athletic will finish up well ahead of their nearest rival in the race for the championship of the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League. They played as champions should against the R.A.F. on Saturday, finding the weakness of the opposition in the second half, and adding four goals to their interval lead. The victory was the most brilliant of an exceptionally smart series of successes.

The "Derby" between Kowloon and the Club ended in a goalless draw, the Club putting up a fine display after losing the services early on of H. G. Howard, who unfortunately broke his right wrist in a fall and had to go to hospital. Peake, of the Scot Guards, was also badly hurt in the match against the Police. Prior to this he had scored two of the three goals by which the Guards were successful.

The Club de Recreio went down badly before South China, losing by 3-1 before their own supporters. The Recreio were much weakened by injuries to players, Gosano being among the absentees.

The Results.

The full results are appended:

Senior Division.

Chinese Ath.	5	R.A.F.	0
Kowloon	0	H.K.F.C.	0
Recreio	1	South China	3
R.A.	1	K.O.S.B.	0
Scots Guards	3	Police	0

Junior Division "A."

Kowloon	4	Recreio	0
University	0	K.O.S.B.	2
Chinese Ath.	2	R.A. Res.	1
St. Joseph's	4	S. China "B"	0

Junior Division "B."

S. China "A"	3	St. Joseph's	2
S. China "B"	3	Moslems	0

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R.A.F. Thoroughly Beaten.

It would be difficult to find anything which could reasonably be urged in extenuation for the five clear goals defeat suffered by the R.A.F. The Chinese Athletic beat them in every department, the Airmen giving an inept display which belied every good comment on their play of recent weeks. Avery, the goalkeeper, alone justified confidence.

The R.A.F. began brightly enough, opening with a spirited and convincing attack, forcing play into Chinese Athletic territory time and again, and seemed likely to go a long way towards bringing about the first downfall of the league leaders. For no apparent reason, the Airmen lost all their sting, and the Athletic from that time on secured complete immunity from the possibility of defeat.

Once having taken up the initiative, the Chinese showed themselves worthy champions, though much of their good work lost its savour in the disappointing resistance offered. Suen Kam-shun was in good form, being easily the outstanding forward of a very nippy line, apart from the merit attached to his scoring of three goals. Chan Kwong-ui and Wong Pak-chong netted the other two.

Four of the goals were scored in the second half, and that the total was not greater is due largely to the brilliant display of Avery. The R.A.F. threw away any prospect they had by withdrawing the attack and endeavouring to stonewall the Chinese. When the ball was cleared there was no-one to carry the attack to the other end, Vernon's occasional individual burst breaking down as could only be expected long before he became really dangerous.

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Thrills Without Goals.

Excitement there was in plenty in the encounter between Kowloon and the Hongkong Football Club, but the better balanced Kowloon were held by a defence which performed magnificently, and the points were shared, no goals being scored. It was keenly contested from start to finish, but a more interesting exhibition would have been seen but for an unfortunate accident to H. G. Howard, the Club centre-half, who fell on his wrist after colliding with Sims, and broke it.

The accident occurring some ten minutes after the start affected the game materially, the Club playing four forwards, and indulging in spasmodic rushes in their efforts to score. Kowloon adopted more cohesive methods, making good use of the wingers, Pile and Miles, both of whom were in capital form.

Kowloon, however, failed to force home their advantage, Bishop, McBride and Rodger being particularly conspicuous in a defence which was sound throughout.

Twice in the last five minutes when Kowloon made a big effort to secure both points, the Club goal had marvellous escapes. Pile shot hard from Miles' centre, the ball striking the underside of the cross-bar and rebounding into play. The Club kept the ball out in the subsequent melee in remarkable manner. A few minutes later another centre from Miles passed right across the front of the goal two yards out, with Vickars and May in close attendance. Vickars missed a sitter.

Angus in the Kowloon goal had a quiet afternoon in comparison with Rodger's experience at the other end, but he made several good saves, the most notable being a long shot from Railton in the first half.

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Gosano, who is suffering from an injury to his foot, was sorely missed by the Club de Recreio and they met with their third reverse, South China scoring three goals to one. South China's ultimate success was never in doubt. They were the much more enterprising of the two teams, and the right wing was a constant danger in spite of the fine work of Xavier.

Occasionally the Recreio were dangerous, but their finishing was feeble, and Li Tin-sang and his partner usually nipped the efforts in the bud before good position developed.

Lai Ting-choi netted for the visitors three minutes after the start, and Wong Mei put on a second before Ogley opened the Recreio account.

The Recreio made several strong bursts in the second half, but the only goal fell to South China, Lai Ting-choi scoring after capital work.

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Borderers Defeated.

The K.O.S.B. gave a polished display of football in the second half of their game against the Royal Artillery, their half-backs holding the opposition and keeping the forwards plied with nice passes. But they failed to score and the goal netted by Pulford for the R.A. in the first half decided the issue.

The R.A. led off with a dashing attack and Pulford put them ahead with a brilliant shot from twenty yards range which had Anderson beaten all over his goal. The fast-moving R.A. line were continually dangerous, but no further scoring occurred.

The K.O.S.B. failed entirely as the result of poor finishing. Scores of reasonably good chances were frittered away, in spite of accurate football which was astonishingly good in view of the high wind.

Peake Carried Off.

After scoring two of the three goals by which the Scots Guards defeated the Police, Peake, the Scots Guards forward, was badly injured in a collision and had to be carried off. The Guards were the better side throughout, and the capital work of Wynne and Clark could not prevent a convincing victory.

The Police defence was overworked from the commencement, but Smith's goal early on came in the nature of a surprise. Much easier chances were missed before Peake increased the lead prior to the interval.

The Guards completed their total soon after the interval and they were good winners although at no time did they give of their best form. No fault could be found with the defence, but the forwards have been seen to much better advantage. The Police were not a full strength and showed it.

THE GARRISON LEAGUE.

Results of Matches Played Last Week.

Last Tuesday the R.A.M.C. football team beat the K.O.S.B. (B. Company) by three goals to two in the Garrison League. The match between H.Q. 2 and H.Q. 1 of the K.O.S.B. resulted in a victory for the former by two goals to nil. The 12th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery lost to the B Company K.O.S.B. by the odd goal in five.

To-morrow the R.A.O.C. meets the 20th Heavy Battery, R.A. (Referee, Lieut. Welch) and the B. Company, K.O.S.B. will play the D.Company (Referee S/S Gilbert).

On Thursday the 20th Heavy Battery, R.A. plays the R.A.M.C. (Referee Sgt. Green) and the K.O.S.B. (H.Q. 1) plays the Royal Engineers.

CHARITY GAME.

University Beats the Hospital Staff.

Yesterday on the University ground, teams from the University Staff played a Charity game in aid of the patients Xmas Entertainment Fund. A good number of tickets had been sold in advance and a fair number witnessed the game. The Vice Chancellor of the University, Mr. W. W. Hornell, C. I. E. carried out the duties of referee. The University was much too good for the Medical Staff, among whom were Drs. Valentine, Laing and Samy. The game ended in a win for the University by four goals to one. Gan (2), Tan and Lim scored for the University and Dr. Samy scored for the Hospital Staff.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

L. R. ANDREWES DEFEATS R. M. SMITH.

The championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was won at Fanling yesterday by Mr. L. R. Andrewes, who defeated Mr. R. M. Smith by 4 and 3 over a 36 hole course. In view of very excellent form shown by Andrewes in the earlier stages of the competition, it was generally expected that he would win, although his opponent is an experienced and generally steady player. Yesterday's match did not produce any brilliant form —in fact it can be said that Smith lost the match more because of his own failure on the greens than because of the high-class play of Andrewes. But the match was at all stages interesting, though Andrewes was in the lead from the very start. Smith put up a determined fight and made the game last much longer than at one time seemed likely.

In the morning, Andrewes started by winning the first four holes, Smith not getting on to his game at all. From that stage on, Smith succeeded in holding his own and the round was finished with Andrewes four up. The stroke scores for the morning were: Andrewes 84, Smith 87.

In the afternoon, when the play of both men was much more erratic, Andrewes was at one time five up, but Smith reduced that to three by the time "The Bog" (7th.) was reached. The next two holes were halved, and Andrewes went again four-up at "The Saddle." The 11th. was won by Smith, who should also have won "The Gem" but for indifferent putting. The hole was halved, as was also the following. Andrewes won "Sandy's Pulpit" making him dormie four. "The Armchair" was halved, and thus Andrewes won by 4 and 3.

But for the bad start in the morning, Smith would have given his opponent a much closer fight, but it was the incubus of those lost four holes that settled the result of the day.

This is the first time that Andrewes has won the championship. He has represented the Colony in Interport fixtures, and, at times, can rise to really brilliant play, as is evidenced by his eliminating Pendered and Capt. Erskine in the first round of the match play stage this year.

HONG FOURSOMES.

Results of the Second Round.

The following are the results of the second round of the Hong Foursomes played over the old course at Fanling:

R.A.M.C. (Majors Lynch and Stevenson) beat the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (V. C. Grayburn and H. G. Hagarty), 3 and 2.

Canadian Pacific (Capt. Davison and T. C. Monaghan) beat Kowloon-Canton Railway (C. D. Lambert and J. Smith).

Wilkinson and Grist (D. H. Blake and G. S. Hugh Jones) beat Dodwell and Co. (T. G. Weall and L. G. S. Dodwell), 1 up.

University (Professors Roffey and Redmond) beat the Scots Guards (Capts. Irskine and Tyringham) 3 and 2.

Education Department (F. J. de Rome and A. O. Brawn) beat South British Insurance (F. S. Harrison and J. F. Kennedy), 4 and 3.

Asiatic Petroleum Coy. (T. D. E. Pendered and R. Young) beat Davie Boag and Co. (J. D. Kinnaird and W. A. Stewart) 5 and 3.

Prison Dept. (J. W. Franks and H. F. Bloxham) beat Johnston, Stokes and Master (L. R. Andrewes and T. G. Bennett), 5 and 3.

P.W.D. (C. B. Robertson and A. E. Lissaman) beat China Underwriters (H. R. Sturt and A. J. Frank) 3 and 1.

CRICKET.

A FAREWELL MATCH.

The following will represent the two teams in a farewell match to Dr. R. A. Ponsonby Fane and Mr. B. P. Ng, on Tuesday, 26th December on the University ground at 2 p.m. sharp:—

Dr. Ponsonby Fane (Capt.), Dr. D. Laing, W. Reng Sling, A. A. Rumjahn, C. W. Lam, F. Zimmern, A. B. Suliemun, F. Hiptoola, K. T. Lake, Chan Fook, F. H. Trayes and A. H. Rumjahn.

Mr. B. P. Ng (Capt.), Dr. D. K. Samy, Dr. M. B. Osman, S. V. Gittins, A. P. Guterres, E. A. Lee, J. Barrew, B. N. Sudan, A. Baker, A. A. Aziz, Y. C. Teh and S. S. Kermani.

LONG JUMP RECORD.

NEARLY A FOOT MORE.

Durban, Dec. 18.

At the Natal athletic championships, S. J. M. Atkinson, who represented South Africa at the last Olympic Games, won the long jump with 26 feet 9 inches.—*Reuter.*

[The previous world record was 25 feet 10⅞ inches, made by D. H. Hubbard, at Chicago in 1924.]

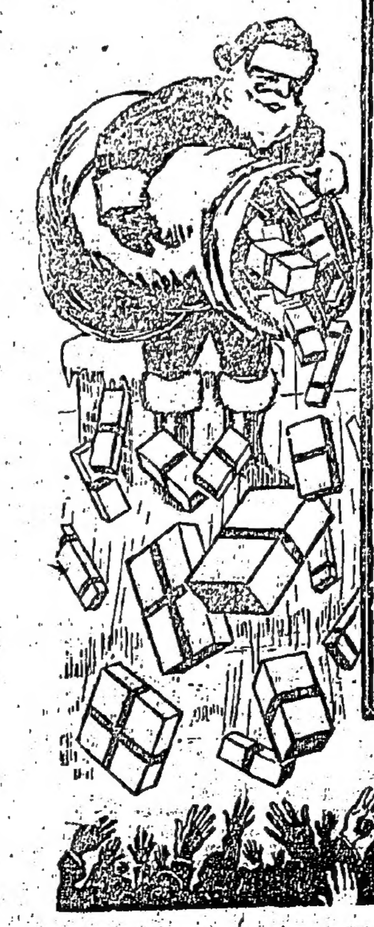
"GOOD & NAUGHTY."

BRIGHT FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

There were good audiences at the Queen's Theatre yesterday for the first showing of "Good and Naughty," a bright farce featuring Pola Negri. In the story itself there is not a great deal that is not conventional, but it is well set out and maintains interest from start to finish, being one of the most sparkling farces seen for some time locally. Of course, Pola Negri plays a big part in the success attained, for her acting throughout is clever and admirably adapted to the play. She has excellent support from Tom Moore, Ford Sterling and Stuart Holmes—indeed, the cast is a particularly strong one. Those wanting to see a bright and amusing film should not miss "Good and Naughty."

A lengthy news reel, a funny Mack Sennett comedy and a more than usually interesting Prizma colour picture, dealing with the Royal Family of Swaziland, go to make up an excellent programme.

Messrs. Moutrie and Co., Ltd., have published a very acceptable calendar with some amusing sporting illustrations by Jack Gordoe.



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CHAPTER XXV.

The two watchers in the darkness stood there as it seemed to them for hours listening to the slow approach of those terrible footsteps which had already brought death to two unsuspecting victims, and were now menacing a third.

Dr. Tarleton stood erect and rigid, fully prepared for the sight which was about to meet his eyes. But the case of the steward was different. For his ears had already told him that the footsteps were not coming from his master's rooms, as he had expected. They were softly descending the staircase from the floor above. And as they drew nearer the sound was accompanied by another which made the listeners' blood run cold.

It was the unmistakable rustle of a woman's skirts.

Of all the possibilities which had crossed the mind of the faithful retainer this had not been one. He almost staggered against the firm figure beside him, and it was all he could do to resist ejaculating the name of Lady Rosa.

The footsteps arrived at the foot of the stairs, stopped for a moment or two, and then came creeping past the Duke's door towards the spot where the two men stood waiting. It was as Dr. Tarleton had foreseen. The false Duchess was the destined victim of the third crime.

The light became brighter and brighter, till all at once it swept round the edge of the wardrobe into the face of the horror-striken steward.

"My God!"

There, standing in front of them, holding a torch in one hand and one of the death-tipped arrows in the other, they beheld the Lady Agatha.

For full ten seconds not one of the three spoke. After the first natural start of surprise her Ladyship remained frozen in the attitude of a statue, while her lips settled into that cold, self-righteous smile which had given the first hint to the investigator that he might be on the track of a maniac.

Not, indeed, till every other reasonable explanation of the mystery had been disposed of did Dr. Tarleton permit himself to adopt this theory. He had been inclined at the outset to attribute the death of the night visitor to Trafford House either to Captain Theobald or to the negro Falai acting under his master's instructions. Such a deed might have been perpetrated in defence of his kinswoman or of his sweetheart, and in either case it would have had much excuse. But this view of the crime gradually broke down as the investigation progressed, and was practically rendered untenable by the incredible confession of the lady's maid.

The idea that the Duke of Altringham himself might have committed or directed the murder had, of course, crossed the investigator's mind from time to time, but always to be met by the same objection. He felt sure that the Duke, as soon as he saw disgrace and danger threatening other members of his family, would have made a full confession in private to his connexion, Six Charles Beaumanoir; and Tarleton felt equally certain that in that case the Home Secretary would have confided the truth to himself.

The steward Burrowes had invited suspicion against himself by his secrecy and nervous anxiety throughout; yet the man's very timorousness and horror in face of the tragedy had satisfied the expert of his real innocence.

Against the unlawful Duchess the case had looked very black at one stage; but what had finally released her from suspicion in Tarleton's mind was the second murder. It was an axiom with him, born of a profound study of criminal records, that the commission of two murders in succession raises a presumption of insanity in the criminal. And the second crime on this occasion evidenced a recklessness which could only be that of a monomaniac. It was not as if the first crime parties open to suspicion were more or less aware that they were under suspicion already, and that the law, in the person of Tarleton himself, was hot upon the trail. Deliberately to proceed to the commission of a second murder under the very nose of the investigator argued a hardihood which only lunacy could explain.

And there was no symptom of lunacy about any member of the household but one. It was true that Burrowes had pronounced his master to be mad where the Duchess Amy was concerned. But no infatuation of a lover amounts to monomania. The Duke's passion might easily have carried him away to the point of murdering a rival, but it could not possibly have influenced him to remove a mere accessory to the intrigue. One crime might be the result of an outburst of jealous wrath; the other could only be a deliberate act of vengeance prompted by an entirely different motive.

Such had been the specialist's reasoning, and he had not far to look for the criminal. Lady Agatha's conduct from the first had been that of an abnormal subject, acting and speaking under the influence of a perverted religious sense. In the light of the doctor's conclusions her words almost amounted to an avowal. And her refusal to submit to the ordeal proposed by the negro thus acquired the significance of a plea of guilty.

Thus it was without surprise that Dr. Tarleton found himself face to face with the murderess on her way to complete her fearful task.

Lady Agatha herself was the first to break the tense silence outside the door of her destined victim.

"So," she hissed, with a look of the deepest scorn at the investigator, "you have taken it on yourself to protect this adulteress."

Tarleton stepped out into the open, at the same time turning on the light of the torch which he had snatched from Burrowes. The situation was one to try even his iron nerves. The woman in front of him was a homicidal lunatic armed with a weapon one touch of which was enough to cause death, and any attempt to take it from her by force might easily have fatal consequences to her or to himself. It was necessary to soothe her if possible.

The specialist thought it best to feign contrition.

"Lady Agatha, you have been keeping me in the dark. How was I to understand your motives? You never told me that the Duchess was guilty."

The monomaniac was plainly unprepared for this apologetic attitude on the part of her adversary.

"You came into this house to hinder me," she asserted. "I warned you that it was a House of Sin. Yet you have been trying to interfere with the course of Divine justice on the sinners."

It added to the grimness of the situation that the dialogue was carried on in a whisper on both sides, each being desirous, for different reasons, not to disturb the sleeping woman on the other side of the door.

"I am sorry if I have done wrong," the specialist said, with a show of wavering. "Of course, I see now that you believe you are doing your duty."

"Believe!" she echoed, disdainfully. "It is not a question of mere belief, Dr. Tarleton. I know that I am divinely commanded to put the sinners in this house to death."

"Ah! How do you know that?" the doctor inquired, with an air of respectful curiosity.

"Because I have heard a voice night after night commanding me to arise and slay," the madwoman told him, triumphantly.

Tarleton saw an opening, and took it promptly.

"Has the voice ever commanded you to kill me?" he demanded, in the same serious tone.

Lady Agatha clearly did not like the question. She frowned in some perplexity before replying. In the interval Tarleton became aware that the man beside him was trembling violently. The chattering of his teeth was distinctly audible in the stillness.

"No," her Ladyship confessed at length, "not yet. But you must not try to prevent me from carrying out my task."

The doctor breathed more freely. It was something to have impressed the monomaniac with the consciousness that he was not one of her appointed victims.

"In that case you have no right to touch me," he said, firmly. "You cannot take the responsibility of inflicting death without a Divine warrant. You are a religious woman, Lady Agatha, and you know the Sixth Commandment."

The poor creature sighed in bewilderment. Tarleton thought he heard another sigh, of apprehension or relief, from the excited steward; but he kept his eyes fixed on those of the lunatic.

"I must do what I have been commanded to do," she proclaimed in a doleful voice, "and you are in the way. I order you to stand aside."

Tarleton hesitated. He had every reason to believe that the door behind him was locked. He had advised the woman behind it to lock all the doors. But he was aware that she was in fear of her supposed husband, and had no suspicion that she possessed an enemy outside. It was just possible that she might have secured the door communicating with the Duke's apartments and neglected the rest. Many persons are afraid to lock themselves in at night for fear of fire or some other accident. The chance, perhaps, was only a hundred to one, but would he be justified in taking it? Suppose the murderess did find the door unlocked, might not she rush in and perpetrate the murder too swiftly for him to intervene?

It was a truly crucial test, but the doctor's manhood did not fail him.

"Lady Agatha," he said resolutely, "you may have received a command to kill your stepmother, but I have not. I must obey the written Commandment. I cannot let you enter this room."

The maniac's eyes flashed furiously. She raised the arrow in her right hand threateningly.

"In the name of Jehovah I order you to stand aside!" she hissed.

Tarleton braced himself for a struggle of life and death.

"I refuse."

"Thank God!"

The exclamation broke almost simultaneously from the ashen lips of the steward. Lady Agatha was in act to strike at her adversary with the deadly point of her weapon when suddenly she dropped her arm. Another arm, whiter and softer than her own, had crept caressingly around the maniac's neck. It was her sister's.

The Lady Rosa had come upon the scene unperceived by anyone except the awe-struck Burrowes. He had watched her, afraid to move or speak, as she glided down the stairs in the same dressing-gown which she had worn on the fatal morning when the doctor first encountered her. Her face was white as chalk, but her courage never faltered.

"Agatha, dear, give me that arrow, and come to bed."

The gentle words penetrated to some place in the poor madwoman's brain that no one else could have reached. She let the hideous dart drop from her fingers, and allowed her sister to draw her unresistingly towards the staircase.

Tarleton made a step forward and picked up the instrument of death. The next instant it was tinkling on the floor of the hall down below.

Lady Agatha made no sign. All the frenzy had departed out of her at that loving touch. She moved slowly, like one utterly tired out, up the stairs, supported by her sister's arm, while the two men followed silently at a respectful distance.

(To be Continued.)

NOT A "RED."

BUT ARRIVES WITH SWORD-STICK.

At the Central Magistracy, before Major C. Willson this morning, a Northern Chinese was charged with being in possession of a swordstick of the type used by Chinese military officers.

Inspector Andrews, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, stated that the man was taken off the s.s. Sai On when it came in from Canton last night. There was no reason to think that he was a "Red," as he had given an explanation which the police considered satisfactory.

The defendant appeared to be a respectable man, stated Inspector Andrews, and when questioned, had stated that he was on his way back to Hupeh *via* Shanghai on completion of a Mission to Canton which he undertook for the Hupeh provincial authorities.

His Worship inflicted a fine of $100, and gave an order for the confiscation of the weapon.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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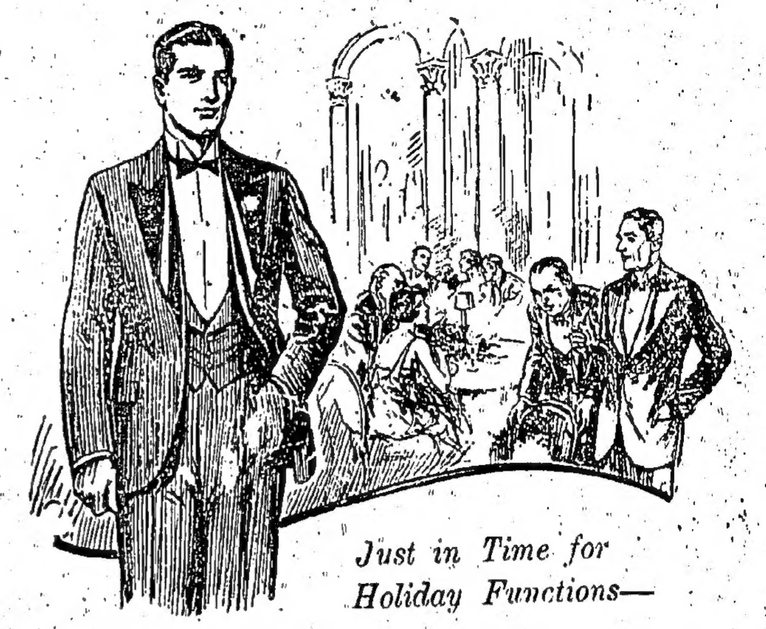

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A FIRST CHARGE.

London, Dec. 17.

In his report on the third year's work of the Dawes Plan, Mr. Parker Gilbert, Agent General for Reparation payments, makes it quite clear that such payments are first charge upon all assets and revenues of the German Empire and its constituent States.

This settles a vital question, discussions on which arose through a recent memorandum in which the Agent General called the special attention of the German Government to the probable dangers of continuing to raise foreign loans for state and municipal enterprises.

The report shows that in the third year of the Dawes plan Germany has paid £75,000,000 in reparations. Of this total British Empire has received about £15,500,000. Next year's payments will be £87,500,000 of which Great Britain is due to receive £18,500,000.

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U. S. LEGATION CASE.

DISBURSING OFFICER SENTENCED.

The case of Henry F. Krenz, former Disbursing Officer at the U. S. Legation in Peking who was charged with embezzlement of G.-$31,450 between October 12 and 17, came up before His Honour Judge Purdy at Shanghai on Tuesday, in the U. S. Court for China. Dr. George Sellett prosecuted for the government, and Mr. H. D. Rodger appeared on behalf of the defendant. His Honour imposed a sentence of five years at McNeil's Island Penitentiary.

A plea of extenuating circumstances was entered by counsel for the defence who asked Mrs. Julia St. Clair Krenz, wife of defendant, to give testimony. Mrs. Krenz said that she had been married to defendant for eight years, and that during this period they had resided in Peking. They had three children, a boy of seven, and girls of six and three. Her husband had been working at the American Legation for the past nine years. On October 11 of this year, witness said that her husband told her he had coughed blood and that their family physician, Dr. Dipper, of the Deutsche Hospital, Peking, had indicated that two years' complete rest was needed, if a cure was to be effected. As no money had been saved the situation was desperate, witness said, and from that time her husband had not seemed to be himself.

Other testimony brought out that accused held an honourable discharge from the U. S. Marines.

"MERRIE ENGLAND."

FINAL SCENES ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Public appreciation of the Philharmonic Society's production of "Merrie England" was marked by numerous tributes, in floral and other gifts, which were presented to the principals at the final fall of the curtain on Saturday night, when the Society brought its successful season to a close.

After a run of over a week, the play was presented for the last time to a capacity house, there being not a single vacant seat in the theatre. As in the preceding performances the principals acquitted themselves well and many calls for encores were acceded to. Saturday night's presentation concluded well after mid-night.

At the conclusion of the play the principals were presented with bouquets of flowers and boxes of chocolates, while the presentation of a bunch of vegetables to Com. Bedells evoked much laughter and applause, which was renewed with even greater enthusiasm when Mr. Percy Hale (butcher of Windsor) received a live baby pig.

There was an enormous number of bouquets and parcels handed up, the audience waiting fully five minutes before all the gifts were placed on the stage. Mr. Fitz-Earle, the conductor, was the recipient of a Chinese stringed instrument.

Prior to leaving the stage Com. Bedells on behalf of the Philharmonic Society thanked the public for its support.

CANTON PROCLAMATION.

LI FUK-LUM'S POLICY.

The following proclamation has been issued at Canton by General Li Fuk-lum:

"While the troops are defending the boundaries, Canton lacks protection. Taking advantage of this, the Communists attacked the Public Welfare Department and various Police stations and other departments. They established the Soviet Government, and ransacked the whole city, setting fire to business estates and cruelly killing inhabitants. This lasted for two days and nights. Luckily the troops gathered again in time, and earnestly set to work to destroy them.

I, Li Fuk-lum, taking my troops and the Fourth Army and the newly enlisted Second and Third Divisions, crossed the river and fought against the Communists, and in the shortest period they were completely destroyed. But, viewing the city of Canton which is now turning to ruins, with dead and wounded all over the districts, I could not help from mourning. Judging the remote cause, it was based upon the activities of the Communists for a long period, and it is they who established this root of trouble. But its near cause was due to a few unfaithful soldiers who conspired with Communists and started the trouble, and thus this great disaster was caused.

I, Li Fuk-lum, though protecting the Honam Island, was not molested, but in lack of perception beforehand could not repudiate the fault.

Soon after the commotion, General Chang Fat-kwai, Wang Ki-cheung and Chan Kung-pon tried to save the situation. Canton is now being restored to order, but the people of Canton have greatly suffered. I am afraid the outer circle, not understanding the reality of this trouble, may blame the Canton Government and the Canton people as being of the Communist Party, and taking advantage of this, those who seek for their own and selfish power will, with the aid of Communists, attack us on both sides and we will be in great danger.

I, Li Fuk-lum, thinking little of my own position, have always wished to retire, but owing to constant troubles in Canton I could not be slack in my duty, and I was thus kept from doing so. But if this untrue blame is put on to our Government I, Li Fuk-lum, having followed the late President Sun for thirty years and obeying the three principles, could not admit this charge, but will take up the responsibility and fight faithfully for the cause. I will live with the Canton people if the Communists are destroyed, and will die with them if the Communists succeed. I realise there is only my country and my party, and in spite of all other elements I will fight and live for them. This is my only thought and aim, and I hope all will see to it and help me to untie the knot of trouble, and this will be my hope and wish to all of my beloved countrymen."

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IN BANKRUPTCY.

DURAND-FLINT ASK DISCHARGE.

In the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday, Mr. D. L. Strellett, appearing on behalf of M. Durand and Mme. Flint, applied for their discharge before His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan).

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Agassiz (Official Receiver) said that there had been two applications made altogether.

His Lordship remarked that the debtors' conduct had been very favourable and the Official Receiver replied that he had given them full credit for such.

Figures of Interest.

Mr. Agassiz read a detailed report on the bankruptcies. Figures taken from this report are:

Assets in hand at the moment, after deducting expenses, the Official Receiver's fees and payment of 25 per cent. dividend to preferential creditors (i.e., for wages etc.), amounted to $1,084.67.

Assets as valued by debtors when filing their statement were down as $63,973.57.

The Official Receiver also held a small quantity of jewellery which included a diamond ring and a watch and chain.

Book debts were estimated by debtors—according to their statement of affairs—at $36,340.68, of which $3,487.49 had been collected.

Debts proved totalled $113,438.95 whereas liabilities had only been put at $77,877.62.

Mr. Strellett said that since the debtors' had applied for discharge from bankruptcy the Official Receiver had reported on the matter and, on very careful consideration—the situation having been so clearly stated—he would ask his Lordship to allow the proceedings to go as far as the report and then adjourn the application.

He wished to draw attention to one or two points in the Official Receiver's report. As the Official Receiver considered the application somewhat premature, Mr. Strellett continued, he asked for the adjournment so that outstanding points may receive the particular attention of the debtors.

Mr. Agassiz informed his Lordship that he considered the application for discharge "entirely premature" and that it could not be satisfactorily considered.

His report, as a matter of fact, reviewed matters at some length and he added that debtors had placed too high a value on the stock in trade, having based their figures on cost prices.

Late Mrs. Stephens.

There was no foundation, Mr. Agassiz observed, in statements that debtors' money had not been all lost in their business.

Reference was made to amounts totalling $125,000, which debtors claimed to be gifts from the late Mrs. M. J. D. Stephens. The executors of the deceased lady's estate, Mr. Agassiz said, were claiming that $40,000 of this was a loan and desired to charge it against the bankrupts' estate.

Efforts to realise the assets were also detailed by the Official Receiver who concluded by saying that the crux of the bankruptcy lay in whether any money would be forthcoming from Paris on the asset referred to above.

Anxious to Encourage.

His Lordship said that debtors must be aware of the position. However, not many knew the procedure and he was rather anxious to encourage bankrupts to come forward and apply for their discharge. Ordinarily, he would not have allowed the request by Mr. Strellett for an adjournment *sine die* and it must not be taken that his order on his occasion was to be constructed as a precedent. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, he agreed that the application was "very, very premature."

Mr. Strellett proposed to address his Lordship on the merits of the case but the order was made at that stage.

The application was adjourned *sine die.*

"SUBSTANTIAL ASSETS."

Judge Disapproves of Bargaining With the Court.

A ruling on what constituted "substantial assets" before a debtor could be adjudged bankrupt and his discharge given, was again brought into discussion when the case of the debtor Chan Taze-cheuk came up before the Chief Justice.

His Lordship had ruled that 10 per cent., was the minimum figure, in an application from the Official Receiver for the annulment of a Receiving Order that had been previously granted to the debtor, Mr. E. Davidson, for the debtor, submitted that 7 per cent., in assets was not too negligible. Mr. Davidson now said that the assistance of debtor's friends had been secured to bring up the amount to the required percentage.

His Lordship had expressed his disapproval of this "form of bargaining with the Court" and the procedure of "waiting to see which way the cat would jump."

While agreeing that the order for adjudication should stand, his Lordship remarked that he was averse to allowing the request, and his consent must not be taken to have establish a precedent.

Printers' Affairs.

In the case of the Wa Shing firm of Printers, Mr. L. R. Andrewes appeared for a petitioning creditor who had already obtained judgment for over $400.

The debtor failed to put in an appearance and his Lordship called for evidence of an act of bankruptcy alleged to have been committed by debtor, who was the managing partner of the firm.

Mr. Andrewes informed his Lordship that the creditor had already made an affirmation but his Lordship, holding that the precedure had been established, insisted on evidence of the facts and declined to hear the evidence about the affirmation.

The creditor in the witness box stated that he called upon the debtor some forty days ago but was told that he was out. Fokis of the shop were conducting the business and they promised that the debtor would call on the creditor but he failed to do so.

On sending his fokis to make enquiries, the creditor was told that attempts were seen to have been made to dismantle the machinery of the creditor's shop.

His Lordship said that the evidence did not serve as the petitioning creditor had not testified to facts in connexion with the alleged act of bankruptcy (i.e. the debtors absenting himself from his place of business).

Would Take All Assets.

Mr. Andrewes informed his Lordship that it would be to his client's advantage if his Lordship, ruling against him, dismissed the petition. In other words, the creditor would stand to gain if a receiving order was not made.

Mr. Agassiz said that the creditor would take all the assets.

After hearing the evidence his Lordship said that he must dismiss the petition.

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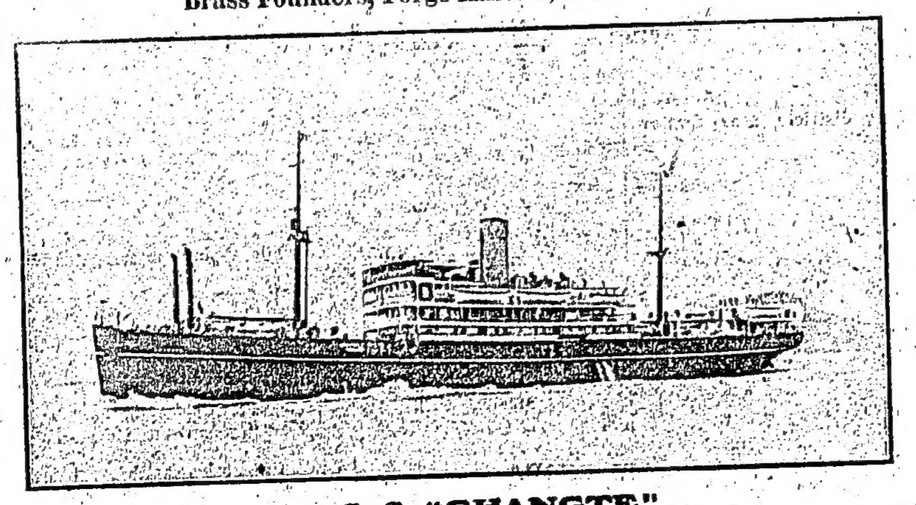

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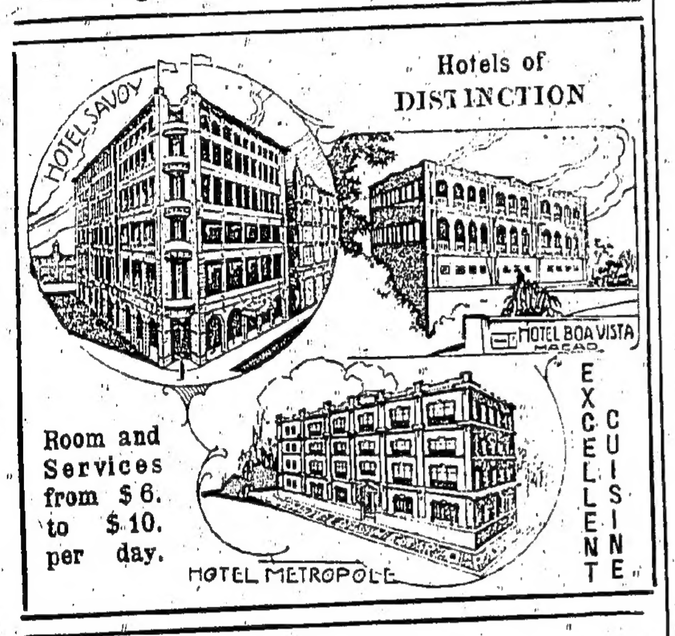

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CANTON'S "RED" REIGN OF TERROR.

These two pictures give a further vivid impression of Canton's "Red" reign of terror. Above is a typical scene in a ruined part of the city, whilst below are seen some of the dead heaped on a truck for removal. (Photos: Mee Cheung).

MUCH TENSION IN CANTON.

(Continued from Page 1.)

A good deal of the furniture was smashed in the raid on the Russian Consulate, but the place itself was not destroyed.

SOME FIGURES.

A Terrible Toll.

In reviewing the Canton "Red" insurrection, the *Wah Kiu Yat Po* states that, according to a reliable report from Canton, it is learned that no fewer than 1,052 houses have been destroyed and devastated by incendiary fires during the "Red" reign. Damage done by fires alone would amount to more than $10,000,000. According to reports which the Canton Police received since the beginning of the coup up till yesterday morning, 1,530 private residences or business shops and hongs were entered and looted by "Red" desperadoes or ruffians who took advantage of the confusion during and after the coup. Moreover, there are many others who have declined to make reports to the Police, but it would not be very far from the truth to say that not a single street or road in Canton has not been visited and molested by "Reds."

According to reports of the various sub-stations of the Canton Police force from the day on which the coup was effected to yesterday morning a total of 2,320 people were killed.

SWATOW "RED" TERROR.

Thousands Flee to Hongkong.

As the result of Communistic disturbances in the Hoifung and Lukfung districts, near Swatow, it is calculated that at least 10,000 Chinese refugees have come into Hongkong from this locality since September.

The Communistic movement was started originally by a Chinese who is said to have imbibed his ideas in Russia. Under his guidance, a "Red" organisation was formed, the members for which were recruited from people renting land for cultivation. By paying twenty cents a month to join, the members were informed that they would only need pay 60 per cent. of the rent which they formerly paid to their landlords, and the Society would guarantee them against reprisals.

As a consequence of the activities of this Society, there have been many conflicts with the landowning classes, at least a thousand have been killed. The "Red" terror has caused so much panic in the districts named, that thousands of Chinese have come into Hongkong, mostly by junks.

MORE REFUGEES.

Over 2,000 Last Night.

All vessels arriving last evening registered heavy passenger lists. The Lungshan had approximately 1,000 with a fair cargo, while s.s. Sai On had over 1,400 travellers on board.

There is indication of a fair West River movement, the Wing On and Tai Lee sailing last evening with heavy passenger bookings and fair cargo.

The On Lee and San Nam Hoi will sail this evening for Kongmoon, both vessels being heavily booked.

RUSSIAN EXECUTIONS.

Japanese Consul's Views.

When interviewed by a *Telegraph* representative on the international aspect of the Russian executions at Canton, Mr. Yoshiatsu Murakami, Japanese-Consul General in Hongkong, who is closely following developments in the Southern capital, stated:—"Of course, the usual international procedure on a rupture of diplomatic relations between two Governments would be that the diplomatic representatives be given their passports and safe escort out of the country; but in this case, there are a number of exceptional circumstances. It depends to what extent the Soviet representatives have permitted themselves, as they are reported to have done, to interfere in the domestic situation of the Government to which they are accredited, and, besides, their relations with China are a little different from ours, as we still retain extra-territoriality. I am not in a position to express an opinion on the report of the Russian executions, until I have received exact information from my colleague at Canton."

The Mystery Ship.

In the investigation into the origin of the Communistic coup and the charges that Russian advice and collaboration were extended to the Cantonese "Reds," attention has been focussed on the arrival, a few days before the outbreak, of a strange ship from Hankow. It has been rumoured and widely believed that this ship was bringing Soviet aid to the Communists, and diplomatic interest was stimulated when the fact was made apparent that the vessel was flying the Japanese flag. Investigations have been made by the Japanese Consul on the spot, and the following has been communicated to the Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong as a result:

"A Japanese tramp steamer, owned by a Japanese Company, did arrive at Canton on the 11th instant, in the afternoon, with some 300 Chinese soldiers on board. The Japanese Consul at Canton instructed the Captain not to land the soldiers in view of the difficult situation. Later on, it developed that they were wounded soldiers sent down from Hankow who were being sent back to their native villages, and that there were no arms or fighting equipment on board."

Japanese consular circles in Southern ports have been informed of the report, communicated from Shanghai, of a Soviet Mission to the Canton Communists, but they were not aware that such a Mission has actually been sent, and have vigorously denied that the Japanese vessel referred to was employed in any other capacity than that of a hospital and repatriation ship.

For some time past vessels passing Whampoa and the Bocca Tigris forts have witnessed a strange vessel, reputed to be a Russian steamer, immobilised in mid-stream coupled with the spectacle of a Chinese cruiser standing by. This has given rise to the belief that it is a Soviet vessel.

Rumour is inclined to the view that this vessel of allegedly Soviet ownership is the one which was bringing Soviet officers and arms for the Chinese "Red" Armies. The cruiser standing by her is stated to be the four-funnelled Feiying, the largest of the Canton naval flotilla.

A HONGKONG INCIDENT.

A "Red's" Desperate Act.

A sensation was created locally on Saturday morning when it became known that one of the "Reds" taken into custody from a Canton boat, leaped from an upper floor window at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs (opposite the Central Market) and was seriously injured in falling to the ground.

It is not clear from the circumstances whether the man thought he might be able to make his escape by that desperate means, or whether he was contemplating suicide. At any rate, the man while being interrogated in a room at the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs on the first floor of the building, suddenly dashed to a window and before he could be restrained he had leaped to the ground, dropping a distance of more than fifteen feet. He received serious injuries to the head and was removed to Hospital in a serious condition.

It is learned that the injured man was one of the three taken into custody from the Canton boat the previous night. In his possession was found amongst other things, a "Red" badge, a wooden dagger, and a book covered with mysterious and seemingly inexplicable writings. The "Red" badge was a medallion with the Kuomintang-Communist flag emblazoned on its face.

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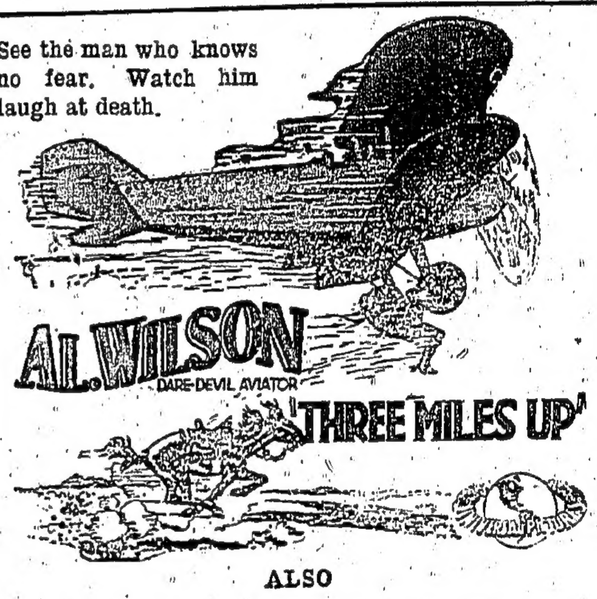

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